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Rwanda: Whether a birth certificate, an "attestation d'identité complète" (complete certificate of identity) or a medical certificate can be issued to a third person who does not have any relation to the person named on the document
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

Two Rwandan government sources consulted by the Research Directorate agreed that a birth certificate and an "attestation d'identité complète" (complete certificate of identity) can be issued to a third person who has no relation to the person named in the documents (Rwanda 26 Nov. 2009; *ibid.* 25 Nov. 2009).

In a 26 November 2009 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, an executive secretary from the city of Kigali stated that [translation] "in principle, like any document issued by the civil registrar, birth certificates and complete certificates of identity are issued to the person indicated on the document." According to the Secretary, for security reasons, if the person indicated on the document is unavailable, the administration will release the documents to a third person only if it has received satisfactory assurances regarding what the documents will be used for (Rwanda 26 Nov. 2009). In a 25 November 2009 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, a consular services representative from the Embassy of Rwanda in Ottawa stated that the authorities require a "procuracion légalisée" (notarized power of attorney) in order to release a birth certificate or a complete certificate of identity to a third person.

As for a medical certificate, sources consulted by the Research Directorate noted that medical certificates cannot be issued to a third person (CHUK 26 Nov. 2009; UN 25 Nov. 2009; Rwanda 25 Nov. 2009).

In a 26 November 2009 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, an administrative secretary from the Kigali University Medical Centre (Centre hospitalier universitaire de Kigali, CHUK) explained that a medical certificate can be issued by a doctor only to the person indicated on that document. Also, in a 25 November 2009 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, a doctor working for the United Nations (UN) World Health Organization (WHO) in Kigali noted that an individual must [translation] "absolutely" appear in person and submit to a medical examination in order to obtain a medical certificate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources

consulted in researching this Information Request.

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