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The Board		16 October 2007
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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Lebanon: Civil marriage; whether the marriage of a couple married outside Lebanon is recognized if the couple returns to Lebanon	
Employment	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa	
Legal and Policy		
References	An official from the Embassy of Lebanon in Ottawa provided the following information in correspondence with the Research Directorate:	
Publications		
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	Although there is not a system for civil marriage in Lebanon, a civil marriage of a couple married outside Lebanon is recognized by the Lebanese authorities on the condition that the marriage should be officially registered in the Lebanese Embassy or Consulate in the country where it took place (28 Sept. 2007).	
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division	The United States (US) Department of State <i>Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2006</i> corroborates this information indicating that, in Lebanon, "only religious authorities may perform marriages" (see also Freedom House 2007) but that "civil marriages performed outside the country were recognized by the government" (US 6 Mar. 2007).	
Decisions		
Forms		
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Research Program	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 additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.	
National Documentation Packages		
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets		
Responses to Information Requests		
Recent Research		
Media Centre		
News	Lebanon. 28 September 2007. Embassy of Lebanon, Ottawa. Correspondence with a consular official.	
Information Sheets	United States (US). 6 March 2007. Department of State. "Lebanon." <i>Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2006</i> .	
Media Relations	< http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2006/78857.htm > [Accessed 25 Sept. 2007]	
Proactive Disclosure		

References

Freedom House. 2007. "Lebanon." *Freedom in the World*.
<<http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=22&year=2007&country=7213>> [Accessed 25 Sept. 2007]

Lebanon. 28 September 2007. Embassy of Lebanon, Ottawa. Correspondence with a consular official.

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Additional Sources Consulted

Internet sites, including: Amnesty International (AI), Human Rights Watch


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