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Home Office Response to IAGCI Review Uganda COIRs, August 2014–January 2015

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Review Conclusions/ Recommendations		Response	Home Office Comments
1.	08/14-043: Forum Democratic Change The response is well structured using pertinent and balanced sources. A cross-reference could also be made to the Operational Guidance note for Uganda from December 2013 (for e.g. point 3.17.8).	Not accepted	We do not consider it appropriate for a COI response to refer to guidance in an OGN as responses are confined to COI. If it is the COI in the OGN that is relevant, the response should reference the source directly (if still up-to-date).
2.	09/14-045: Media “Outings” The specific question in the request is not included in the response document. It is therefore not possible to assess precisely whether all the elements of the questions have been addressed.	Accepted	We usually ensure that the question or questions are included in the response. We will ensure we do this as a matter of good practice.
3.	09/14-045: Media “Outings” Point 2 source from Associated Press is not fully referenced.	Accepted	We usually ensure that the quotes are properly and fully referenced. We will ensure we do this as a matter of good practice.
4.	09/14-045: Media “Outings” Information on the Red Pepper Articles is mostly provided from a Blog from a US equality activist. The COI researcher should consider whether the information cited will provide factual precise information for assessing an asylum claim.	Accepted	The wider point about considering the relevance/pertinence of all the information provided is acknowledged.
5.	09/14-045: Media “Outings” Some parts cited do not have to be included in the response, ‘ <i>I.e. Also I hear Mr. poop Ssempe has US residency because his wife is a USA citizen is planning to come to the USA. I cannot wait for his arrest</i> ’..	Accepted	Again, as per our response at 4., the wider point is acknowledged.

6.	<p>09/14-045: Media “Outings” The response could also cross-refer to the <i>Uganda Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity report from August 2014</i> which provides information on media outings (in points 2.8.7 to 2.8.11).</p>	Accepted	We will do so in the event of future queries on the same or similar issues.
7.	<p>11/14-059: Exit Checks The response does not include specific information on whether non-attendance when summoned would place a person on a monitored list. The European COI network notes the following information obtained from the High Commission for Uganda on Entry Control Lists: http://www.ecoi.net/local_link/197359/316225_de.html)</p>	Not Accepted	<p>While we recognise that the recommended source document on ecoi.net (collated by the Canadian IRB) is relevant, it is dated June 2000, hence the omission in this response.</p> <p>We accept that approaching the FCO may be appropriate in some instances but this takes additional resource and time, and will depend on the specific case.</p>
8.	<p>01/15-002: Rights of Residence for Somali Refugees The response does not address the issue of whether a recognised refugee would be able to return having left Uganda and having had their refugee ID card withdrawn upon exiting the country. The reviewer offers suggested sources to address this.</p>	Accepted	We appreciate the suggestion and will assess the source and the material for inclusion in future queries on the same or similar issues.
9.	<p>01/15-002: Rights of Residence The reviewer suggests contacting, e.g. the Refugee Law Project in Uganda for further information.</p>	Partially Accepted	We appreciate the suggested point of contact. In the event of further enquiries or a need to produce specific country information and guidance on this subject, we will consider contacting this or other organisations.

10.	01/15-241: Refugee Status No information is provided on how often this [travel document] would have to be renewed, whether the refugee would lose their status as a refugee, and whether they would be eligible to reapply.	Accepted	We will do so in the event of future queries on the same or similar issues.
11.	01/15-241: Refugee Status Other parts of the CIRB source provides more relevant information on this which should be cited in the response.	Partially Accepted	Whilst we <i>could</i> include it, the reader is provided the Canadian IRB response, and could therefore review that information for themselves.
12.	01/15-241: Refugee Status The reviewer suggests contacting, e.g. the Refugee Law Project in Uganda for further information.	Partially Accepted	See the comment at 9.