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Turkey: Status of the draft Passport Law; whether Turkey has begun issuing new passports that are more difficult to forge; if so, description of these passports

Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

In a telephone interview with the Research Directorate, a consular official at the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Ottawa stated that a new passport bill has been passed by parliament but is awaiting implementation by the government (30 Jan. 2009). While unable to offer specific information on the new passport legislation, the Official stated that it would call for new regulations (including a period of validity of at least 5 years) and the replacement of the old passport with a new passport that would have more security features to bring it in line with international passport standards (Turkey 13 Feb. 2009).

Further or corroborating information on these passports could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response.

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