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Information on Internal Relocation in the Ukraine.

The 2012 *United States Department of State* country report for Ukraine, in a section titled “Freedom of Movement, Internally Displaced Persons, Protection of Refugees, and Stateless Persons”, states:

“The constitution and the law provide for freedom of movement within the country, foreign travel, emigration, and repatriation and the government generally respected these rights in practice.” (United States Department of State (24 May 2012) *2011 Human Rights Reports: Ukraine*)

An *Australian Government – Refugee Review Tribunal* country advice document, in response to the request “Please provide information on possibilities for relocation, for example, whether citizens require permission to move to another area.”, states:

“Ukrainian citizens are able to relocate to any area in the country without requiring permission to do so; however, they must register their residence in their new locality and reports suggest that bureaucratic problems exist in the registration process which may hamper access to social services. According to an April 2007 UK Home Office report, a new system of residential registration was introduced in 2005 replacing most elements of the ‘propiska’ (registration) system that previously had inhibited the free movement of individuals in the Soviet system. According to the report, changes to the ‘propiska’ (registration) means that a Ukrainian citizen may now live, work and receive services anywhere in Ukraine without having to seek the permission of the authorities prior to relocating.” (Australian Government – Refugee Review Tribunal (8 July 2010) *Ukraine – UKR36939 – Vinnytsia – State protection – Chechens – Internal relocation*, p.4)

This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research and Information Unit within time constraints. This response is not and does not purport to be conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please read in full all documents referred to.

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