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Recent information on the treatment of returnees and failed asylum seekers.

Citing an external source, a report issued in March 2012 by the *United Kingdom Home Office* states:

“By means of conclusion regarding the contradictory information NGOs provided on the question of rejected asylum seekers returning to DRC, it should be mentioned that they remain nevertheless credible informers, with regard to their international reputation in the field of human rights.” (United Kingdom Home Office (9 March 2012) *Country of Origin Information Report - The Democratic Republic of Congo*, p.187)

A paper issued in June 2012 by *Consultancy Africa Intelligence* notes:

“Recent investigations of the treatment encountered by individuals unsuccessful in their bid for asylum and returned to the DRC have... indicated that systematic violence and abuse remains a likely scenario.” (Consultancy Africa Intelligence (4 June 2012) *Freedom from fear: The treatment of refused Congolese asylum seekers*)

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