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Information on FLEC members including: typical location of members detained; conditions in detention; risk of arrest for members; arrests in/around March 2008 in Cabinda of low-level members and their transfer by helicopter to Luanda

In February 2014 a paper released by *Human Rights Watch* points out that:

“An intermittent separatist insurgency persists in the oil-rich enclave of Cabinda despite a 2006 peace agreement. In 2010, Angola had accepted the UPR recommendations to “step up its efforts to prevent arbitrary detentions, and to investigate all cases involving arbitrary arrest, detention and torture and bring to justice those responsible.” However the government continues to use security as a pretext to crack down on peaceful dissent. Security forces continue to arbitrarily arrest alleged supporters of the separatist guerilla movement Front for the Liberation of the Enclave of Cabinda (FLEC) and use torture in military custody to force detainees to confess or incriminate others” (Human Rights Watch (17 February 2014) *Universal Periodic Review: Angola*, p.3).

A report issued in February 2014 by the *United States Department of State* commenting on events of the preceding year notes:

“Several civil society and political party representatives reported incidents of security forces detaining Cabinda residents suspected of FLEC activity or collaboration. One political party representative claimed that security forces were holding at least 29 alleged FLEC members without charging them; some civil society figures put the number closer to 50” (United States Department of State (27 February 2014) *Country Report on Human Rights Practices 2013 – Angola*, Section 1d Arrest Procedures and Treatment While in Detention/Arbitrary Arrest).

In January 2014 *Freedom House* states:

“...FLEC supporters continue to be randomly arrested in Cabinda” (Freedom House (23 January 2014) *Freedom in the World 2014 – Angola*).

In February 2009 the *United States Department of State* issued a report which commented on events of 2008 including noting:

“Cabinda residents continued to report that security forces detained persons suspected of FLEC activity or collaboration. NGOs reported that public security forces held civilians incommunicado in military and police prisons in Cabinda and Luanda, where the UNWGAD and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) were denied permission to visit” (United States Department of State (25 February 2009) *2008 Human Rights Report: Angola*, Section 1d Arbitrary Arrest or Detention/Arrest and Detention).

No further information on these issues could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Refugee Documentation Centre 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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