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Information on the existence of La Voix de sans Voix, including their logo/symbol/leaflets/pamphlets/social media/email

A country of origin compilation issued in April 2013 by *Country of Origin Research and Information/CORI* includes the following description:

“...Kinshasa based human rights NGO La Voix des Sans Voix pour les Droits de l’Homme...” (Country of Origin Research and Information/CORI (April 2013) *CORI Country Report Democratic Republic of Congo; Human Rights Issues*, P.9).

The *United States Department of State* in a report issued in April 2013 commenting on events of 2012 includes the following description:

“Voix des Sans-Voix, a domestic NGO...” (United States Department of State (19 April 2013) *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2012*, Section 1e Denial of Fair Public Trial/Political Prisoners and Detainees).

In January 2012 a document released by *Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa* includes the following description, stating:

“...La Voix des sans Voix (VSV), one of the most important and oldest Congolese human rights organizations...” (Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (25 January 2012) *No end in sight to DRC post-election crisis*).

In June 2010 an *Amnesty International* report includes the following description, noting:

“...one of Congo’s largest human rights organizations, Voix des Sans Voix (VSV)...” (Amnesty International (2 June 2010) *Leading Human Rights Activist Found Dead in Congo*).

An undated publication from *Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l’Homme* states:

“La Voix des Sans Voix is one of the oldest organisations of human rights defence in the D.R.C. Created in 1983, illicitly at first, it operates mainly in Kinshasa, but collaborates closely with associations from other provinces through the National Circle of NGOs of Human Rights (RENADHOC) for whom they are a founding member. La Voix des Sans Voix defends and supports victims of human rights violations, and conducts training and awareness actions” (Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l’Homme (Undated) *La Voix des Sans Voix*).

The website of La Voix de sans Voix is at <http://www.vsv-rdc.org/>
Contact details from the site are:

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BP : 11 445 Kin 1”(La Voix de sans Voix (Undated) *Contact*).

No further information on this issue 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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