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Refugee Protection
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RPD File No.: TA5-05690

NOTICE OF DECISION
[Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, ss.107(1)]
[Refugee Protection Division Rules, Rule 61]

R. DAWSON
Presiding Member

In the claim for refugee protection of:

DOB:

ID: :

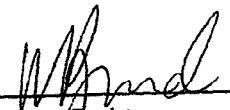
s.19(1)

This claim was determined without a hearing on the July 6, 2005

The Refugee Protection Division determines that the claimant

**IS A CONVENTION REFUGEE AND THEREFORE THE REFUGEE PROTECTION
DIVISION ACCEPTS THE CLAIM.**

August 23, 2005


Registrar

RPD.15 (April 2002)
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EXPEDITED REPORT

Claimant(s):	File Number(s): TA5-05690
Counsel: FRED SEMAFUMU	Designated Representative:
RPO: R. TIWARI	Member: R. DAWSONX
Interpreter:	Language: ENGLISH
Country(ies): SAINT VINCENT	
Time of interview: Scheduled: Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at 8:30 AM	Start: 8:40 am End: 9:15 am
Recordings (e.g. cassette tapes):	
Confirmation that PIF properly completed and signed:	Yes ☒ No ☐
PIF amendments:	
List of documents produced (copies to be attached): Letter from 519 Church Street [original] St Vincent National Identity Card [copy] Birth Certificate [copy]	
Claimant consent required for same member at hearing?	Yes ☐ No ☐

PART A:

RPO OBSERVATIONS

1) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CLAIM:

The claimant is a 42 yr old single bisexual man who was discovered having sexual relations with a co-worker. His co-worker's family and the local community threatened to kill him. He was able to escape their attacks and hide in a friend's boathouse for a few months until he was introduced to a man named who arranged his travel to Canada using a false passport. While in St. Vincent, the claimant had tried to repress his sexual attraction to men while having a few relationships with women, but could not suppress his true feelings. In Canada, he has attended meetings at the Community Centre and is in the process of truly "coming out" as a bisexual person.

2) APPLICATION OF CRITERIA AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The claimant's personal identity was established by his National Identity Card and Birth Certificate. His oral testimony was straightforward and generally consistent with his quite detailed PIF narrative and his statement to CIC officials.

I had some concerns with his assertion during oral testimony that he had entered into a sexual relationship [his first with a man] with his long-time friend in 1979, which is not stated in his PIF narrative that only confirmed that they had a 'very good relationship'. However, his testimony was spontaneous and I accept his explanation that he had indeed been involved with in a sexual relationship for a period of a few years.

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I also note that he had indicated in the introductory paragraph to the PIF narrative that he had begun to have intimate relationships with men when he was 17 years old, which would have been the year 1979. The 519 letter corroborates his evidence of being a bisexual man who had difficulty 'coming out' and accepting his sexual orientation.

I find that he has provided reliable evidence of his sexuality. As a bisexual person, there is a serious risk of persecution in St Vincent where such activities are illegal.

2. APPLICATION OF CRITERIA AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION (cont'd):

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I RECOMMEND THAT THIS CLAIM IS SUITABLE TO BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A HEARING.

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I REMIT THIS CLAIM FOR DETERMINATION AT A HEARING.

Refugee Claim Officer

Date

August 15 / 2025

PART B: (Where applicable)

MEMBER'S DECISION AND SUPPORTING REASONS

SEE APPENDIX "A"

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☒
OR

I DETERMINE THIS CLAIMANT TO BE A CONVENTION REFUGEE.

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I REMIT THIS CLAIM FOR DETERMINATION AT A HEARING.

Member

R. J. Smith

Date

17/08/05

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APPENDIX "A" TO EXPEDITED REPORT

Based on my review of the file, this report, and the RPO's recommendation, I am persuaded that the claimant faces a serious possibility of persecution in St. Vincent by reason of being bisexual and face persecution.

Based on the above I am satisfied with the claimant's identity.

Rick Dawson