



## **Instructions for Immigrant Visa Applicants**

Cairo, Egypt

### **Important note to the Sudanese immigrant visa applicants:**

#### **Birth Certificates**

Birth certificates are available through the Department of Statistics, Ministry of Social Affairs. When official records are not available, persons born in the Southern Sudan can often obtain birth certificates issued by various mission authorities.

#### **Unobtainable birth certificates**

If your birth record is not obtainable for any reason, **a certified statement must be obtained from the appropriate government authority explaining why your birth record is unavailable.** You *must* also submit secondary evidence such as:

- An affidavit from a close relative, preferably your mother and two witnesses, stating the date and place of birth, both parents names, and your mother's maiden name.

**Note:** An affidavit executed before an official authorized (Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sudan) to take oaths or affirmations must also be provided.

#### **Marriage and Divorce Certificates**

Marriages in Sudan are conducted by religious authorities and those certificates may be authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for submission to foreign government authorities. Certificates of Divorce may be obtained from the court that granted the divorce.

**Failure to do so will delay the immigrant visa process.**