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Democratic Republic of Congo: Whether divisions exist within the Congolese Liberation Movement (Mouvement de libération du Congo, MLC); if so, the objectives of each of the factions and the names of their leaders, as well as the relations between them (2002-May 2005)

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No information on divisions within the Congolese Liberation Movement (Mouvement de libération du Congo, MLC) could be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints for this Response. However, without providing details, *Africa Confidential* stated, on 5 November 2004, that some "[d]iplomats regard [Congolese] National Assembly President Olivier Kamitatu (number two in the MLC behind [Jean-Pierre] Bemba), as sophisticated and politically astute and [that they] have tried to persuade him to break with Bemba" (4).

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

Reference

Africa Confidential [London]. 5 November 2004. Vol. 45, No. 22. "Congo-Kinshasa: Battle for the Palace."

Additional Sources Consulted

Publications: Africa Confidential, Africa Research Bulletin, Jeune Afrique/L'Intelligent, Kessing's Record of World Events, Resource Centre country file.

Internet sites, including: AllAfrica, Amnesty International, African Association for the Defense of Human Rights (ASADHO), European Country of Origin Information Network (ECOI), Human Rights Watch (HRW), Integrated Regional Information Network (IRIN), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Missionary Service News Agency (MISNA), United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC), United States Department of State.

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