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Ecuador: Conditions under which the Mobilization Division (Dirección de movilización) of the armed forces issues a military identity card for foreign immigrants called *cédula militar de extranjero inmigrante*; circumstances in which a Colombian citizen can be issued such a card (2005)

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No information on the Ecuadorian military identity card called *cédula militar de extranjero inmigrante* could be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. Nevertheless, Section 9 of the Ecuadorian mandatory military service law, titled "Military Documents" (*De los Documentos militares*), refers to the following documents: a military identity card (*tarjeta de identificación militar*), a military reservist card (*cédula militar de reservista*) and a military service exemption card (*cédula militar de exento*) (Ecuador 3 Aug. 1994).

Article 101 of the same section of the law stipulates that all male foreign immigrants (*extranjeros inmigrantes varones*) between the ages of 18 and 55 must be in possession of a foreign immigrant card (*cédula de extranjero inmigrante*) (*ibid.*). The Website of the Mobilization Division (Dirección de movilización) of the Ecuadorian armed forces corroborated that fact (*ibid.* n.d.).

Moreover, a newsletter by the Chamber of Tourism for Pichincha Province (Cámara Provincial de Turismo de Pichincha, CAPTUR) indicated that in order to travel outside Ecuador, foreign men between the ages of 18 and 55 whose status is either that of [translation] "resident" or [translation] "immigrant" must be in possession of a military permit authorizing foreign nationals to leave the country (2 May 2004).

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.

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Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: The Embassy of Ecuador in Ottawa and the Comando Conjunto de las Fuerzas Armadas del Ecuador did not respond to information requests within the time constraints of this Response.

Internet sites, including: Comando Conjunto de las Fuerzas Armadas del Ecuador, EcuadorExplorer.com, Embassy of Ecuador in Colombia, Embassy of Ecuador in France, War Resisters' International.

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