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Cameroon: Date the national identity cards began to be computerized
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According to a February 2005 article in the Cameroonian newspaper *L'Action*, Cameroon started computerizing its national identity cards in August 1995 as part of a project for improving security related to Cameroonian nationality (18 Feb. 2005). Corroborating sources also give 1995 as the year that the project to computerize the national identity card was launched (*Le Quotidien Mutations* 6 Jul. 2004; Cameroon-Info.net 23 Jul. 2001).

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 sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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Internet sites, including: Cameroon government website, Camerounlink.net, European Country of Origin Information Network (ecoi.net), Factiva, High Commission for the Republic of Cameroon in Canada, United States Department of State.

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