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Cameroon: The National Union for Democracy and Progress (Union nationale pour la démocratie et le progrès, UNDP), including its structure, its membership card and the treatment of its members by government authorities (2003-May 2005)
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Information about the National Union for Democracy and Progress (Union nationale pour la démocratie et le progrès, UNDP) was very limited among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

Founded in 1991 (*Political Parties of the World* 2005, 106; *Europa* 2004 2004, 996), the UNDP is led by Maigari Bello Bouba (ibid.; *Political Parties of the World* 2005, 106; see also *Cameroon Tribune* 17 Feb. 2005). The UNDP holds only one (EIU 21 Feb. 2005; *Elections Around the World* 10 Feb. 2004) of the 180 seats in Cameroon's National Assembly (ibid.).

According to *Europa* 2004, the UNDP was one of the three political parties making up the April 2004 government (2004, 993; see also CDD n.d.). With reference to the 11 October 2004 presidential elections, a 17 February 2005 article published in the *Cameroon Tribune* indicated that Maigari Bello Bouba, UNDP national president, had asked his party supporters to vote in favour of the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement (Rassemblement démocratique du peuple camerounais, RDPC), currently in power (see also CDD n.d.), and he was pleased when this appeal was heard (*Cameroon Tribune* 17 Feb. 2005).

No information on the UNDP's structure, membership card or treatment of its members could be found among the resources consulted by the Research Directorate.

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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