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Democratic Republic of the Congo: Certificate of lost identity documents (*attestation de perte de pièces d'identité*), different forms this document can take, whether the certificate must be stamped by the Office of the Director-General of Migration (Direction générale de migration, DGM) or the National Intelligence Agency (Agence nationale de renseignements, ANR).  
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Information on the certificate of lost identity documents (*attestation de perte de pièces d'identité*), different forms this document can take, and whether the certificate must be stamped by the Office of the Director-General of Migration (Direction générale de migration, DGM) or the National Intelligence Agency (Agence nationale de renseignements, ANR) could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

It is, however, of interest to note that an October 2006 article in the Congolese newspaper *Le Potentiel* quotes a young woman in Bukavu, South Kivu as saying that the Independent Electoral Commission (Commission électorale indépendante, CEI) instructed her to obtain a certificate of lost electoral card by going to the police, who asked for a fee of USD \$5 to issue the document (12 Oct. 2006). The article further notes that the judicial police (*police judiciaire*) issue the certificate (*ibid.*). Societecivile.cd, an online portal for Congolese civil society, carried another news item indicating that certificates of lost identity documents are issued by the municipal authorities (24 June 2005).

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.

### References

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### Additional Sources Consulted

**Oral sources consulted, including:** The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Ottawa did not provide information to the Research Directorate within time constraints.

**Internet sites, including:** Amnesty International (AI), British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Commission électorale indépendant (CEI), Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l'homme (FIDH), Human Rights Watch (HRW), Keesing Reference Systems, Ligue des droits de la personne dans la région des Grands Lacs, Office of the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Project Argo, Radio France internationale (RFI), Reliefweb, Réseau documentaire international sur la région des Grands Lacs africains, UN Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN), UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), United States Department of State

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