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Organization Chart	Democratic Republic of Congo: The Ligue pour la Paix et les Droits de l'Homme;	
Employment	whether it has a section located at 75, boulevard de la Libération in Bunia; if so, the situation and activities of the section and its leaders, and a description of the membership card (2000-May 2004)	
Legal and Policy References	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa	
Publications		
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	Reached by telephone in Bunia on 12 May 2004, the acting coordinator of the Ligue pour la Paix et les Droits de l'Homme (LIPADHO) provided the following information.	
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division	The LIPADHO was founded in February 2001. It has a coordination office in Kinshasa, which is run by Eloi Urogi. The LIPADHO also has two sections, one in Bunia (the main town in Ituri) and the other in Mahagi (a town near the Ugandan border, about 400 km from Bunia), in the Ituri region. Three months ago, the Bunia office relocated to 40, avenue Ituri, in the Lumumba neighbourhood. Before that, the office was located at 75, boulevard de la Libération.	
Decisions		
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Research Program	As a partner of the League of Electors (Ligue des électeurs), a Congolese non-governmental organization, and of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), the LIPADHO works primarily to popularize human rights and to denounce the violation of those rights. To accomplish this, LIPADHO members-there are about 60 in Ituri, with 30 in each of the two sections-travel to the villages to encourage people to live together peacefully. The LIPADHO also uses a community radio station to reach the population.	
National Documentation Packages		
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets		
Responses to Information Requests	However, given the situation in Ituri, LIPADHO members, who are accused by some of being partial, are often subject to harassment by the various ethnically organized militias in the region.	
Recent Research		
Media Centre		
News	The LIPADHO issues a membership card. It is white and is inscribed, in the following order, with "Carte de membre," "Ligue pour la Paix et les Droits de l'Homme (LIPADHO)," "section de Bunia," "Association pour la promotion de la paix et la défense des droits humains," as well as the member's surname, given name, role and colour passport-size photo. The inscriptions are all in black except for the acronym LIPADHO, which is in blue.	
Information Sheets		
Media Relations		
Proactive Disclosure	The information provided by the acting coordinator could not be corroborated by other sources consulted by the Research Directorate.	

With regard to the LIPADHO's activities, a United Nations report states that the LIPADHO helped reconstruct a building that was supposed to house a community radio station in Mahagi (16 Apr. 2004). According to another United Nations document, the LIPADHO is among the organizations that are participating in a pilot project to reduce small arms and destroy anti-personnel mines in the Oriental province (n.d.).

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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Internet sites, including : Africatime, AllAfrica, Dialog, Digitalcongo.net, MISNA, ReliefWeb.

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