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C

CEAS	Common European Asylum System
CISS	Children in street situations
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
COI	Country of Origin Information

D

DAANES	Democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria
DAM	Damascus International Airport

E

ERW	Explosive Remnants of War
EUAA	European Union Agency for Asylum
EU	European Union
EU+ countries	Member States of the European Union and associated countries

F

FSA	Free Syrian Army
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G

GAPAR	General Administration for Palestinian Arab Refugees
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GoS	Government of Syria
GSS	General Security Services

H

HTS Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham

I

ID Identification Documentation
IDF Israel Defence Forces
IDP Internally Displaced Person
IEDs Improvised Explosive Devices
IOM International Organization for Migration
IPA Internal Protection Alternative
ISIL Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant

K

KWU Kurdistan Women Union

L

LGBTIQ LGBTIQ people are people:
-who are attracted to others of their own gender (lesbian, gay) or any gender (bisexual);
-whose gender identity and/or expression does not correspond to the sex they were assigned at birth (trans, non-binary);
-who are born with sex characteristics that do not fit the typical definition of male or female (intersex); and
-whose identity does not fit into a binary classification of sexuality and/or gender (queer).

M

MS Member States of the European Union
MOD Ministry of Defence
MOI Ministry of Interior

N

NDF National Defence Forces, *Quwat al Difa al Watani*
NLF National Liberation Front

P

PiN People in Need

PKK Kurdistan Workers' Party
PYD Democratic Union Party (Kurdish)

Q

QD Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted (recast)

QR Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted, amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC and repealing Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

R

Refugee Convention The 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees and its 1967 Protocol (referred to in EU asylum legislation and by the CJEU as ‘the Geneva Convention’)

RPGs Rocket Propelled Grenades

S

SAF Syrian Armed Forces

SDF Syrian Democratic Forces

SJAC Syria Justice and Accountability Centre

SNA Syrian National Army

SNHR Syrian Network for Human Rights

SOGIESC Sexual orientation (SO) and/or gender identity and expression (GIE), and sex characteristics (SC)

U

UAS Unmanned Aircraft Systems

UN United Nations

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

UNRWA The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

US United States of America

UXO Unexploded ordnance

W

WFP
WHO

UN World Food Programme
World Health Organisation

Y

YPG
YPJ

Kurdish People's Protection Units
Kurdish Women's Protection Units

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