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## C

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|-------------|--|
| <b>CEAS</b> | Common European Asylum System          |
| <b>CiSS</b> | Children in street situations          |
| <b>CJEU</b> | Court of Justice of the European Union |
| <b>COI</b>  | Country of Origin Information          |

## D

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>DAANES</b> | Democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria |
| <b>DAM</b>    | Damascus International Airport                               |

## E

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>ERW</b>           | Explosive Remnants of War                                    |
| <b>EUAA</b>          | European Union Agency for Asylum                             |
| <b>EU</b>            | European Union   |
| <b>EU+ countries</b> | Member States of the European Union and associated countries |

## F

|            |                  |
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| <b>FSA</b> | Free Syrian Army |
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## G

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| <b>GAPAR</b> | General Administration for Palestinian Arab Refugees |
| <b>GBV</b>   | Gender Based Violence                                |
| <b>GoS</b>   | Government of Syria                                  |
| <b>GSS</b>   | 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**  
(Qualification Directive)  
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**  
(Qualification Regulation)  
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** UN World Food Programme

**WHO** World Health Organisation

## Y

**YPG** Kurdish People's Protection Units

**YPJ**

Kurdish Women's Protection Units

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