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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

PYD

Kurdistan Workers' Party

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
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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