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For general guidance on Exclusion, see EUAA Practical Guide: Exclusion and EUAA Practical Guide on Exclusion for Serious (Non-Political) Crimes.

For general guidance on the country guidance approach to this chapter, see ‘EUAA, 'Exclusion' in *Country Guidance: Explained*, February 2025’.

In the context of Somalia, various circumstances may require consideration of the potential applicability of exclusion grounds. The QD/QR does not set a time limit for the application of the grounds for exclusion. Applicants may be excluded in relation to events regardless of when they took place.

More specifically, the need to examine possible exclusion issues in the context of Somalia may arise, for example, in cases of applicants being former or current members of the groups cited below. This list is non-exhaustive:

- (Former) members of the Somali state or FMS armed forces, such as SNA members, NISA, darwish forces
- (Former) members of the federal Somalia or state institutions, such as government officials and members of political or administrative institutions of a certain rank or level, judicial officials, prosecution authorities, prison officials and detention personnel
- (Former) members of Islamist/jihadi groups, such as Al-Shabaab or ISS members
- (Former) members of clan militias or clan elders

Given the serious consequences that exclusion may have for the individual, the exclusion grounds should be interpreted restrictively and applied with caution.

The examples mentioned in this chapter are non-exhaustive and non-conclusive. Each case should be examined on its own merits.

The contents of this chapter include:

- 7.1. Exclusion based on the commission of international crimes
- 7.2. Exclusion based on the commission of a serious crime
- 7.3. Exclusion based on acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations
- 7.4. Exclusion based on constituting a danger to the community or to the security of the Member State

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