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Most Somalis rely on support from patrilineal clan relatives. Clans can provide different forms of support for their members. Inside the *jilib*, community must help individuals in case of smaller or larger problems, reaching as far as the mutilation or the murder of someone from another clan (blood price). Arrangements can also be made between clans for protection outside the clan.

Under the *xeer* system, clan elders act as mediators or arbiters, and play a central role in the resolution of local and intra-clan disputes.

For information with regard to support provided by clans, see 1.2. The role of clans in Somalia. For more information on the *xeer* system, see 5.1.1. The Somali State.

The support provided by clans in Somalia cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of Article 7 QD/QR11.

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  CJEU, *OA v Secretary of State for the Home Department*, C-255/19, Second Chamber, judgment of 20 February 2021 (OA), https://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?text=&docid=236682&pageIndex=0&doclan
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