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Criminal activity in Somalia is widely reported, including killings, sexual violence, abductions, theft, trafficking in human beings, money extortion/illegal taxation, piracy, human and/or arms smuggling. In some cases, these crimes are linked to armed groups, such as Al-Shabaab. Such serious (non-political) crimes would trigger consideration of the application of Article 12(2)(b)/Article 17(1)(b) QD/QR.

Violence against women and children (for example, in relation to domestic violence, honour-based violence, child labour, forced and child marriage, FGM/C) could also potentially amount to a serious (non-political) crime.

Some serious (non-political) crimes could be linked to an armed conflict (e.g. if committed in order to finance the activities of armed groups) or could amount to fundamentally inhumane acts committed as a part of a systematic or widespread attack against a civilian population (e.g. kidnapping of recruits, taxation to finance the activities of non-state armed groups), in which case they should instead be examined under Article 12(2)(a)/Article 17(1)(a) QD/QR.

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