

3. Acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations

This section examines the exclusion ground of acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations under Articles 12(2)(c) and 17(1)(c) of the recast QD and the QR, which reflect Article 1F(c) of the 1951 Geneva Convention.

Section 3.1 sets out the applicable legal framework, including the assessment criteria drawn from the EUAA and UNHCR guidance. Section 3.2 examines the two key CJEU judgments which interpret Article 12(2)(c); together they establish the normative foundation for the application of this ground in national jurisprudence related to terrorism. Section 3.3 then analyses how national courts have interpreted and applied this ground in practice in the terrorism context, using the PKK and jihadist groups as concrete illustrations of how the framework is operationalised in practice. Section 3.4 examines how courts assess this ground for conduct extending beyond terrorism, including the coercive collection of diaspora taxes, interference with international criminal justice, human trafficking and human smuggling.

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