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COI QUERY RESPONSE

SOMALIA – DISABILITIES

In May 2025 the *European Union Agency for Asylum* includes listing disabled people among those most vulnerable in Somalia¹

A report released in April 2025 by *Amnesty International* reviewing events of 2024 states that: “Parliament passed a law to prohibit discrimination against persons with disabilities.”²

In September 2024 *Handicap International/Humanity & Inclusion* states that: “Reliable information on persons with disabilities is scarce in Somalia...”³

A report issued in August 2024 by the *United Nations Human Rights Council* notes: “...discrimination against and the exclusion of persons with disabilities, minorities and marginalized groups.”⁴

In May 2024 the *United Nations Human Rights Committee* includes commentary on: “...numerous allegations of discrimination on the grounds prohibited by the Covenant, including age, ethnicity, gender, disability, HIV/AIDS status, sexual orientation and gender identity.”⁵

A report issued in April 2024 by the *United States Department of State* commenting on events of 2023 notes that: “Persons with disabilities could not access education, health services, public

¹ European Union Agency for Asylum (May 2025) Somalia: Security Situation, p.45

² Amnesty International (28 April 2025) The State of the World's Human Rights - Amnesty International Report 2024/25: Somalia, p.2.

³ Handicap International/Humanity & Inclusion (13 September 2024) Case studies repository: How to make humanitarian action more inclusive with and for persons with disabilities - Experiences from Somalia, Somaliland and Syrian crises responses, p.19

⁴ United Nations Human Rights Council (23 August 2024) Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia, Isha Dyfan, p.9

⁵ United Nations Human Rights Committee (6 May 2024) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Concluding observations on the initial report of Somalia, p.3

buildings, and transportation on an equal basis with others. Disability rights organizations reported a widespread lack of equal access to education, health services, public buildings, and transportation.”⁶

This document also states that: “The needs of most persons with disabilities were not addressed. According to Amnesty International, persons with disabilities faced human rights abuses such as unlawful killings; violence including rape and other forms of gender-based violence; forced evictions; and lack of access to health care, education, or an adequate standard of living. Government responses to such reports remained inadequate.”⁷

A report published in January 2024 by the *European Union Agency for Asylum* includes references to applicable issues⁸

A paper issued by the *European Union Agency for Asylum* in January 2023 includes a discussion of disability issues⁹

Other applicable international reports are included in the references and attachments below.

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⁸ European Union Agency for Asylum (18 January 2024) Persons with Disabilities in Asylum and Reception Systems, pp.15-19

⁹ European Union Agency for Asylum (16 January 2023) Judicial Analysis on Qualification for international Protection, pp.75-76

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