

## **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN INFORMATION CHECKLIST**

*When assessing Country of Origin Information (COI) in the context of deciding asylum cases eligibility officers may find the following eight useful points:*

### **1. RELEVANCE AND ADEQUACY OF THE INFORMATION**

- i) How relevant is the COI to the case in hand?
- ii) Does the COI source adequately cover the relevant issue(s)?
- iii) How current or temporally relevant is the COI?

### **2. SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION**

- iv) Is the COI material satisfactorily sourced?
- v) Is the COI based on publicly available and accessible sources?
- vi) Has the COI been prepared on an empirical basis using sound methodology?

### **3. NATURE / TYPE OF THE INFORMATION**

- vii) Does the COI exhibit impartiality and independence?
- viii) Is the COI balanced and not overly selective?