

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 09-1494**

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KOFI AMAKONA,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, JR., Attorney General,

Respondent.

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On Petition for Review of an Order of the Board of Immigration Appeals.

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Submitted: March 18, 2010

Decided: May 17, 2010

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Before MOTZ, GREGORY, and DAVIS, Circuit Judges.

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Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Litigation Counsel, Theo Nickerson, Office of Immigration  
Litigation, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington,  
D.C., for Respondent.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Kofi Amakona, a native and citizen of Ghana, petitions for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals affirming the Immigration Judge's denial of his applications for relief from removal.

Amakona challenges the determination that he failed to establish eligibility for asylum. To obtain reversal of a determination denying eligibility for relief, an alien "must show that the evidence he presented was so compelling that no reasonable factfinder could fail to find the requisite fear of persecution." INS v. Elias-Zacarias, 502 U.S. 478, 483-84 (1992). We have reviewed the evidence of record and conclude that Amakona fails to show that the evidence compels a contrary result. Having failed to qualify for asylum, Amakona cannot meet the more stringent standard for withholding of removal. Chen v. INS, 195 F.3d 198, 205 (4th Cir. 1999); INS v. Cardoza-Fonseca, 480 U.S. 421, 430 (1987). Finally, we uphold the finding below that Amakona did not demonstrate eligibility for protection under the Convention Against Torture. See 8 C.F.R. § 1208.16(c)(2), (3) (2009).

Accordingly, we deny the petition for review. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal

contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

PETITION DENIED