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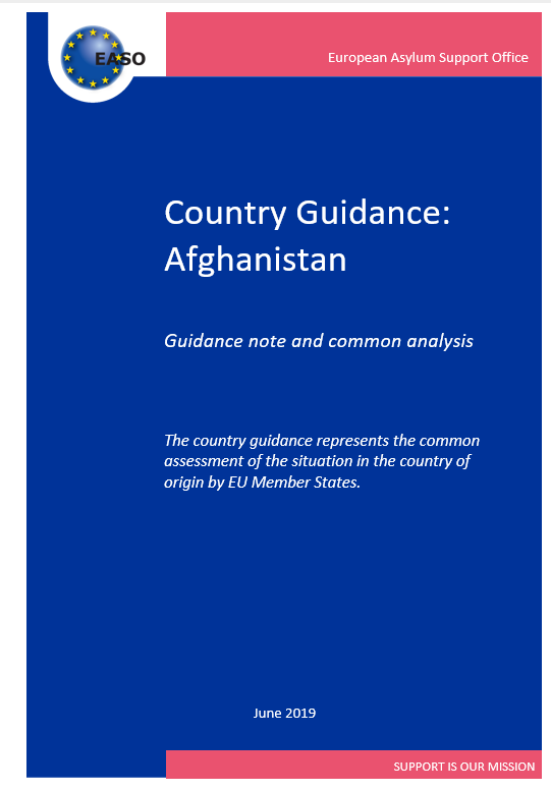

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- **actors of persecution and serious harm** (Article 6 of the Qualification Directive);
- **refugee status** and analysis of the protection needs of specific **profiles of applicants encountered in practice** (Article 9 and 10 of the Qualification Directive);

- subsidiary protection, including the risk of **death penalty or execution** (Article 15(a) of the Qualification Directive); **torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment** (Article 15(b) of the Qualification Directive); and serious and individual threat to a civilian's life or person by reason of **indiscriminate violence in situations of international or internal armed conflict** (Article 15(c) of the Qualification Directive);
- **actors of protection** (Article 7 of the Qualification Directive);
- **internal protection alternative** (Article 8 of the Qualification Directive); and
- **exclusion** (Article 12 and Article 17 of the Qualification Directive).

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