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Unwillingness to avail of the protection of the country of origin

If protection is available in the country of origin, there may be instances where the applicant would be unwilling to avail of such protection based on justified reasons.

The applicant’s unwillingness to avail of the protection of the country of origin (including protection available in another safe part in the country of origin) has to be linked with his or her fear of persecution or the risk of serious harm.

Experiences of traumatic events and their lasting consequences could constitute compelling reasons for the applicant’s unwillingness to avail of the protection of the country of origin.

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