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General remarks

COMMON ANALYSIS
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While the conclusions under this common analysis could provide general guidance, the protection needs of each applicant should be **examined individually**. The non-exhaustive lists of examples regarding sub-profiles at a differentiated risk and to factors which would normally increase or decrease the risk, are to be taken into account in light of all circumstances in the individual case.

In some cases, even if the applicant no longer belongs to a certain profile, they may still be targeted and have a well-founded fear of persecution related to their **past belonging to such a profile**. In the individual assessment, it may be relevant to take into account the time that has passed and whether the applicant had remained in Afghanistan for a long period of time without encountering persecution.

Family members, merely due to their relation to an individual with a certain profile, may be at risk of persecution in such a manner that could constitute the basis for refugee status.

The individual applicant could fall under **more than one profile** included in this common analysis. The protection needs associated with all such circumstances should be fully examined.

The considerations under each profile should, furthermore, be viewed without prejudice to the credibility assessment of the applicant's claims. This common analysis deals solely with issues of risk analysis and qualification.

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For more guidance on how to read the following subsections, please refer 'Country Guidance: explained': Refugee status.

For each profile, the sections below provide:

COI summary

This is an outline of the factual basis of the analysis and the main elements taken into account when reaching the respective assessment of protection needs.

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Conclusions and guidance

Persecution: legal qualification

This part answers the question:

Do the acts qualify as persecution under Article 9 QD?

Well-founded fear: risk analysis

This part answers the question:

What is the level of risk of persecution (would a well-founded fear be substantiated)?

Further guidance is provided with regard to the circumstances which should be taken into account in the individual assessment, including circumstances which would in general increase the risk for an individual.

Potential nexus to a reason for persecution

This part answers the question:

Are the reasons for persecution falling within Article 10 QD (nexus)?

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