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Article 2(d) QD, Article 9 QD, Article 10 QD

Article 3(5) QR, Article 9 QR, Article 10 QR

This chapter provides analysis and guidance on the potential international protection needs of selected profiles of applicants. These profiles were selected based on their relevance in the caseload of EU Member States.

The list of profiles addressed in this chapter is non-exhaustive and the fact that a certain profile is included or not is without prejudice to the determination of their protection needs. Furthermore, the order of listed profiles does not reflect any ranking of the potential level of risk of persecution.

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- 3.6. (Perceived) collaborators of Western armed forces, organisations, or companies
- 3.7. Persons with diverse SOGIESC (also referred to as LGBTIQ persons)
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- 3.14. Persons involved in and affected by blood feuds in the context of tribal conflict

In the current update of ‘Country Guidance: Iraq’, some profiles included in the previous version of the document have been omitted, as they do not appear in the caseload of EU+ countries in significant numbers. This omission should not be construed as an indication of their current potential protection needs. To consult the assessment of such profiles, namely of Deserters from armed forces, Individuals approached for recruitment by armed groups, Former Baath party members, Humanitarian workers, Shabak, Kaka’i, Baha’i, Bidoon, Fayli Kurds, see the relevant

parts of ‘Country Guidance: Iraq’ (June 2022). However, please note that the guidance provided in the document of June 2022 is based on older COI and cannot be confirmed at the time of writing.

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