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This chapter looks into the existence of internal protection alternative, in the cities of **Baghdad** and **Sulaymaniyah** specifically, in relation to the requirements of Article 8 QD/QR. These cities are important economic centres in Iraq. **This is without prejudice to the possibility to apply IPA to other places in Iraq.**

In order to determine that internal protection is available in a particular part of the applicant's country of origin, three cumulative criteria have to be met, namely '**safety**', '**travel and admittance**' and '**reasonableness to settle**'. In relation to these elements, when assessing the applicability of IPA, the decision-maker should consider the general situation in the relevant part of the country, as well as the individual circumstances of the applicant.

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