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## 2.7 Safeguards not in place

When some of the abovementioned safeguards are not in place, the examination of the application for international protection might have to be put on hold. This should be weighed depending on the nature of the missing safeguard. This should not result in purposeful and unnecessary delay of processing. When the safeguard is within the asylum authority's responsibility, the responsible officer should refer the case internally. When another authority or designated party is responsible for ensuring the safeguard, the asylum authority will coordinate with that party to ensure the missing safeguard is put in place. That referral should be documented accordingly. There should be a clear allocation of roles/ responsibilities.

