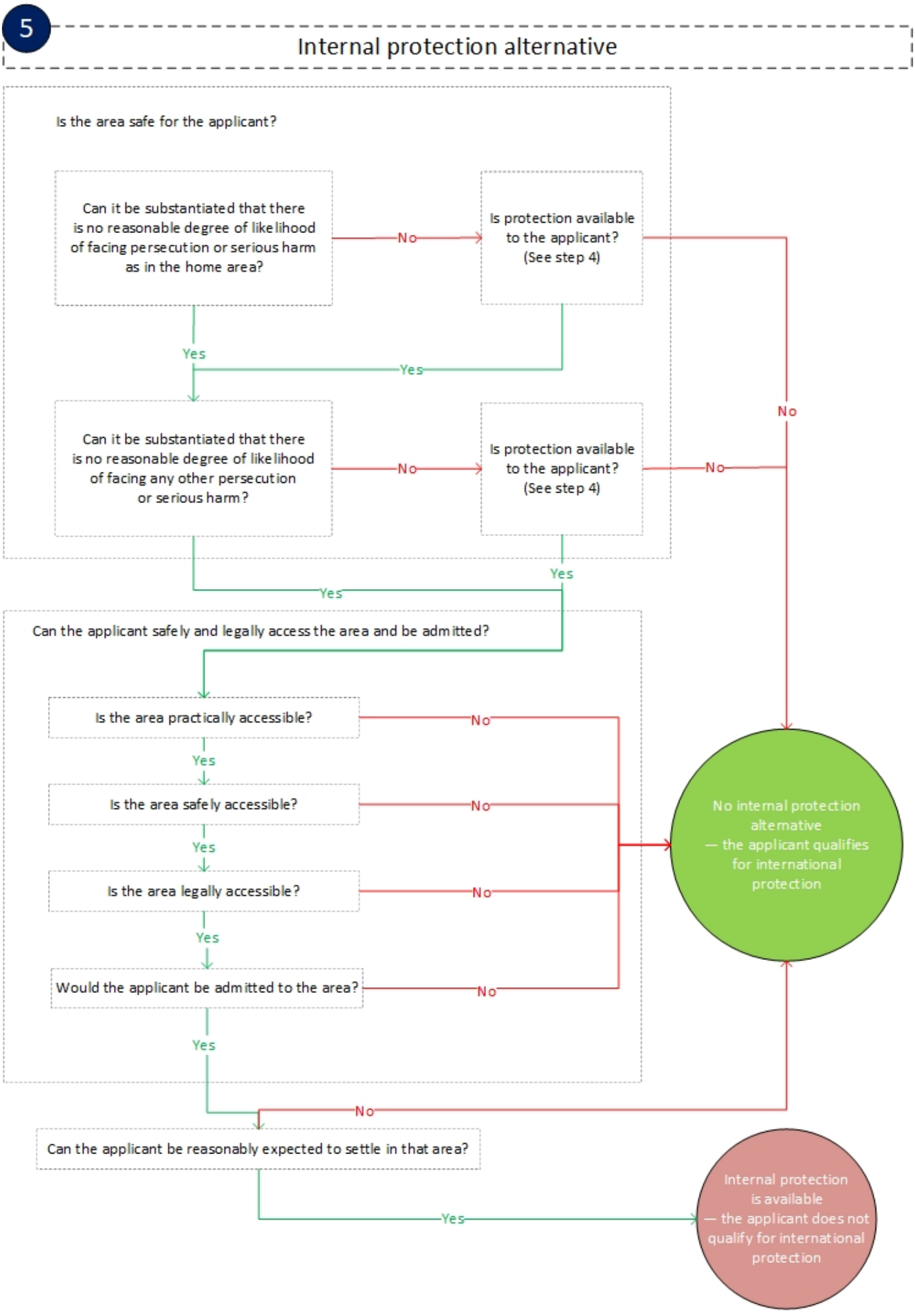


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Is the area safe for the applicant?
Can it be substantiated that there is no reasonable degree of likelihood of facing persecution or serious harm as in the home area?
No
Is protection available to the applicant? (See step 4)
Yes
Yes
Can it be substantiated that there is no reasonable degree of likelihood of facing any other persecution or serious harm?
No
Is protection available to the applicant? (See step 4)
No
No
Yes
Yes
Can the applicant safely and legally access the area and be admitted?
Is the area practically accessible?
No
Yes
Is the area safely accessible?
No
Yes
Is the area legally accessible?
No
Yes
Would the applicant be admitted to the area?
No
Yes
No internal protection alternative — the applicant qualifies for international protection
No
Can the applicant be reasonably expected to settle in that area?
Yes
Internal protection is available — the applicant does not qualify for international protection

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