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# Chapters of the country guidance

The country guidance documents consist of **two parts**: the guidance note and the common analysis. Each part mirror each other and include the following contents:

- [Introductory chapter](#)
- [Actors of persecution or serious harm](#)
- [Refugee status](#)
- [Subsidiary protection](#)
  - [Article 15\(a\) QD/QR: death penalty or execution](#)
  - [Article 15\(b\) QD/QR: torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country of origin](#)
  - [Article 15\(c\) QD/QR: indiscriminate violence in situations of armed conflict](#)
- [Actors of protection](#)
- [Internal protection alternative](#)
- [Exclusion](#)

The content of the common analysis is more detailed and presents the basis for the assessment as well as its conclusions. The corresponding chapters in the guidance note only outline the conclusions.

The explanations that follow refer primarily to the approach taken in the respective common analysis chapters. For more information on the difference between the common analysis and guidance note, see '**What is the difference between the common analysis and the guidance note?**' in [About country guidance](#).

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