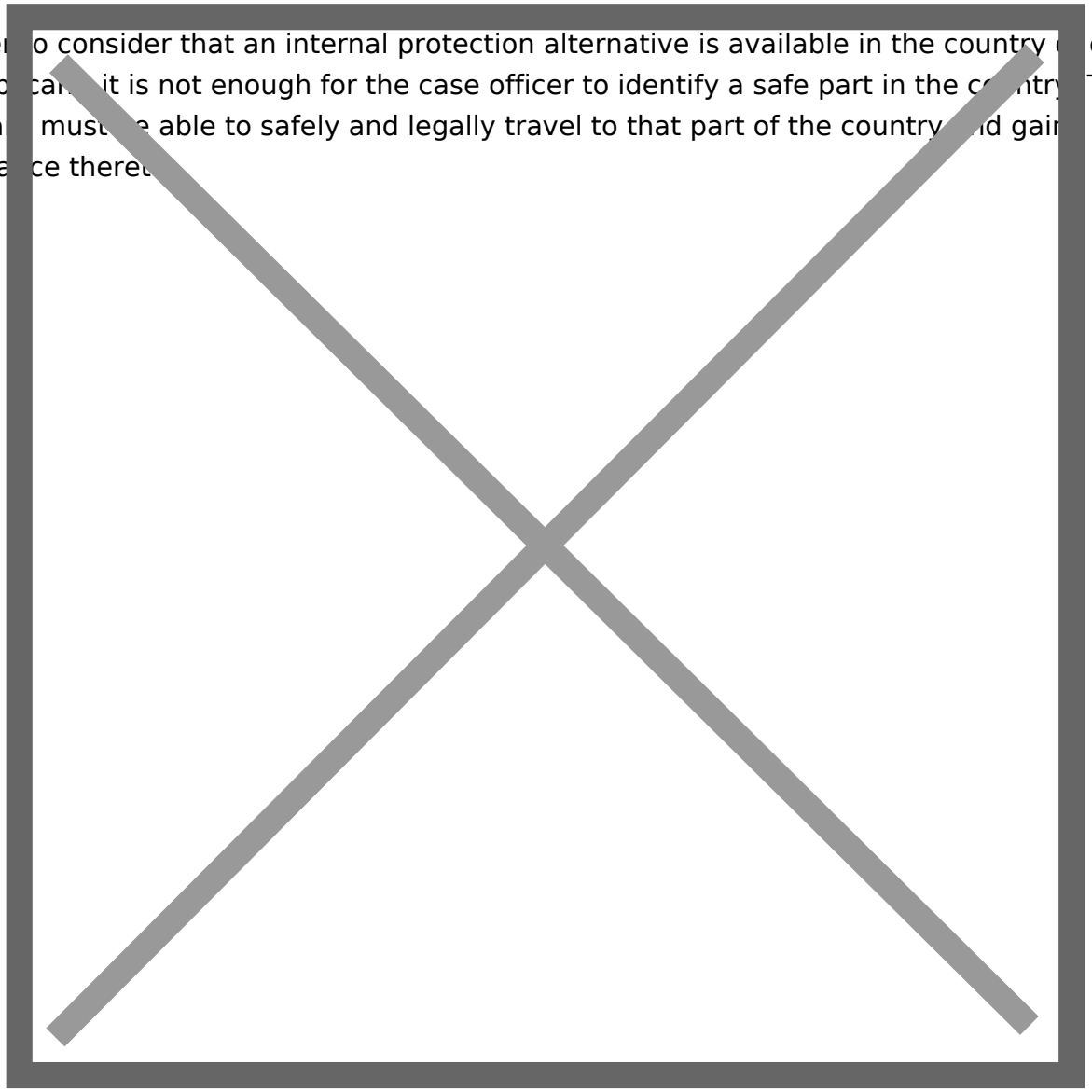
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Access to part of the country of origin

In order to consider that an internal protection alternative is available in the country of origin of the applicant, it is not enough for the case officer to identify a safe part in the country. The applicant must be able to safely and legally travel to that part of the country and gain admittance thereto.



- **Safely travel.** There is a safe route that the applicant can practically travel through without undue difficulty so that he or she can access the safe area in the country of origin without serious risks.

- **Legally travel**. There are no legal obstacles that prevent the applicant from travelling to the safe area.
- In particular, if the applicant needs to pass through a third country to access the safe area, he or she must be legally able to do so.
- **Gain admittance**. The applicant is allowed to access the safe area by the actor(s) controlling it.

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