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[Article 15\(c\) QD](#)

This section focuses on the application of the provision of Article 15(c) QD. Under Article 2(f) QD in conjunction with Article 15(c) QD, subsidiary protection is granted where substantial grounds have been shown for believing that the person would face a real risk of suffering **serious harm defined as serious and individual threat to a civilian's life or person by reason of indiscriminate violence in situations of international or internal armed conflict.**

Each element of the provision is addressed in a separate subsection.

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