

STATE PROTECTION FLOW CHART

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In s. 31 of the International Protection Act, 2015 'Protection' is defined: "protection against persecution or serious harm" shall be regarded as being generally provided where reasonable steps are taken by a state or parties or organisations, including international organisations, controlling a state or a substantial part of the territory of that state to prevent the persecution or suffering of serious harm by operating an effective legal system for the detection, prosecution and punishment of acts constituting persecution or serious harm, where the applicant has access to such protection... [Emphasis added]. There are therefore (1) those who act to provide 'protection' and (2) the standards that must apply before it may be held that protection would be available to an applicant upon return.

