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# Subsidiary protection

## [Qualification directive](#)

### Article 2(f)

As the name suggests, subsidiary protection should serve as an additional form of international protection that is complementary to refugee status. It means that **a person should only be granted subsidiary protection if the requirements for refugee status are not satisfied.**

As a starting point, there are two elements which need to be clarified with regard to subsidiary protection:

- [Real risk](#)
- [Serious harm](#)