

## Case Studies – Article 1D

**Instructions: In the following case studies, determine if Article 1D applies and, if so, whether the applicant falls within paragraph 1 (exclusion) or paragraph 2 (inclusion) of the Article 1D. Do any other Articles of the 1951 Convention apply? Is complementary protection a consideration?**

1. The applicant is a Palestinian from Egypt. His family has lived in Cairo since the time of World War 1 and he has Egyptian citizenship. His claim is based on political opinion.
2. The applicant is a 37 year old Palestinian who was born in Beirut. In 2011, he went to The UAE on a work permit where he worked as an engineer on a construction project. He returned to Beirut two or three times each year to visit family. In 2013 the project was completed and his work permit was not renewed. He came to Belarus and claimed refugee status. He claimed that he faces discrimination on a daily basis in Lebanon.
3. The applicant is from Khan Younis refugee camp in Gaza. In 1995, he married a Canadian citizen who sponsored him to Canada. In 1996, he was charged and convicted of drug trafficking (heroin) and sentenced to 4 years in prison. In 2000, upon release from prison, he was deported to Gaza where he has lived ever since. In 2012, Hamas accused him of “collaborating with an enemy entity” (Israel) and arrested him. When he appeared in court to answer charges, he showed obvious signs of torture. He was convicted and sentenced to death. Before the sentence could be carried out, he escaped and made his way to Belarus. He provides credible evidence that the evidence against him was false.

4. The applicant is a Syrian Palestinian from Sbeina Refugee Camp south of Damascus. His home was destroyed during fighting between rebels and the Syrian army. The camp has come under repeated shelling and many people have been killed and displaced. The applicant came to Belarus looking for protection.