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To:
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Dear Ms. Davidian,

Re: Application under the Freedom of Information Law, 5758-1998

Revocation of Residency Status of Permanent Residents in Jerusalem in 2014

I hereby apply to you on behalf of HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual, which works, inter alia, on issues relating to the status of the East Jerusalem residents. The information requested concerns data on the revocation of residency status of permanent residents in East Jerusalem in the year 2014.

1. We request the following data:

- a. How many East Jerusalem residents were deprived of their permanent residency status in the year 2014?
- b. How many of them were women?
- c. How many of them were minors at the time of the residency revocation?

We wish to know, how many East Jerusalem residents were deprived of their status in 2014 **while they were outside Israel?**

2. We wish to know **the grounds** for residency revocation in the year 2014, under Article 11a of the Entry into Israel Regulations, 5734-1974. More specifically:

- a. In how many cases was the residency status revoked due to absence from Israel for a period of at least seven years? Of them, in how many cases did you decide to revoke the residency status of minors?
- b. In how many cases did you decide to revoke the residency status due to acquisition of a permanent residency permit in a foreign country? In how many cases did you decide to revoke the residency status of minors?
- c. In how many cases was residency status revoked due to the acquisition of foreign citizenship? In how many cases did you decide to revoke the residency status of minors?

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3. In Section 4 of the response to HaMoked's information application on revocations of status of East Jerusalem residents in 2010, you stated that:

Concerning residency expiration due to an absence from Israel for a period of at least seven years, residency does not expire due to residency abroad for more than seven years, if the person returned for visits in the country within the validity of the laissez passer or exit card during these years, all this providing no other basis exists for the expiration of residency [...]. The meaning of "an absence from Israel for over seven consecutive years" is that the resident never entered Israel during those years.

We wish to understand whether this policy has changed. If so, we wish to know, what does the change include? A copy of the response to the information application for 2010 is attached and marked **1**.

4. Regarding residency reinstatement, we request to know more specifically:

- a. How many requests for status reinstatement have been filed yearly since 2005 and until 2014 and beyond?
- b. How many requests for status reinstatement have been approved yearly since 2005 and until 2014 and beyond?

5. In Section 7 of the response to HaMoked's information application on residency revocation in 2010, you stated that:

There are two methods for reinstating residency: a. Filing an objection during the 45 days granted to a person who receives notice that his residency has expired. **b. Filing an application for a permit for permanent residency in Israel in the framework of residency reinstatement.**

We note that our information suggests that with respect to said status reinstatement method **b.**, your policy has changed. According to the information, it has been decided to allow all residents of East Jerusalem who had immigrated from it and even those who had acquired status elsewhere, to regain their status, provided they prove they do in fact intend to resettle in Israel. In view of the above, we request to know whether the status-

reinstatement policy and the process for handling status-reinstatement applications have in fact changed. If so, we would like to know in detail, what are the changes that have been made in your policy and in the process for handling status-reinstatement applications?

6. In Section 8 of the response to HaMoked's information application on residency revocation in 2010, you stated that:

A person whose residency expired while outside Israel may appeal through the Israeli Consulate in his area of residence.

We would like to understand whether this policy has altered. If so, we wish to know, what does this change include?

7. We request to know, has there been any change in the Ministry of Interior's policy not to revoke status of residents due to habitation in the seam neighborhoods of East Jerusalem. If there has been a change in this policy, we would like to know what does the change include.

8. We wish to know if the policy of the Ministry of Interior towards permanent residents who relocated to the OPT in West Bank and outside the seam neighborhoods of Jerusalem, as disclosed in Section 12 of your response to HaMoked's information application on residency revocation in 2012? If there has been a change in this policy, we request to know what does the change include. A copy of the response to the information application for 2012 is attached and marked **2**.

9. Finally, we wish to stress that as an association acting to promote a public interest, HaMoked is exempt from paying a fee for freedom-of-information applications. Attached, as legally required, is the association's due diligence certificate, marked **3**.

Respectfully,

Benjamin Agsteribbe,
Adv.

Attached: appendixes **1-3**