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## Government Resolution No. 1813 of 12.5.2002

“1813. The treatment of illegal aliens and the family unification policy regarding residents of the Palestinian Authority and foreigners of Palestinian origin

We decide:

### Enforcement

- 1) To charge the Israel Police and the Ministry of Interior, in collaboration with security entities and the other government offices related to the matter, to act to enforce the prevention of stay and settlement in Israel of illegal aliens from the Palestinian Authority and foreigners of Palestinian origin. This, in the framework of the overall policy on issues relating to foreigners.
- 2) To allocate budgets and manpower positions for implementing the enforcement as follows:

#### Israel police

60 positions	– 9 million ILS
Enforcement measures	– 3.5 million ILS

#### Ministry of Interior

Reinforcing professional enforcement border passages	– 10 positions 1.2 million ILS
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Professional control + investigations	– 24 positions 2.8 million ILS
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Operating budget + investigation services	– 6.5 million ILS
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This budgetary expenditure will be composed of a 50% budgetary addition and 50% of the budgets of said government offices.

### A. Family unification policy

In view of the security situation and due to the ramifications of the processes of immigration and settlement in Israel of foreigners of Palestinian origin, including through family unification, the Ministry of Interior, in collaboration with other government offices related to the matter, will formulate a new policy on handling family unification applications. Until the formulation of this policy, to be expressed through procedures and new legislation, the following rules shall apply, if necessary:

1) Handling new applications, including application not yet decided upon

- a. Resident of the Palestinian Authority – no new applications by Palestinian Authority residents for receipt of the status of resident or another status will be accepted; a submitted application will not be approved and the foreign spouse will be required to stay outside Israel pending another decision.
- b. Other – the application will be considered while taking into account the origin of the sponsored person.

2) Applications undergoing the graduated procedure

In the interim period, the validity period of the permit that was given will be extended; and this, subject to the absence of another preclusion. There will be no upgrading to a higher status.

B. Principles of the new policy

The new policy will include, among other things, the following principles:

- 1) An application of a person who violated the laws of entry into Israel will not be handled, and he will be deported from Israel;
- 2) The criteria for preventing entry and grant of status in Israel given a security or criminal background will be toughened;
- 3) A person whose application was refused – minimal periods of time will be set until it is possible to submit a renewed application;
- 4) Toughening the rules for preventing entry into Israel of spouses in fictive or polygamous marriages, as well as of the sponsored person's children from a previous marriage and his other relatives;
- 5) Cancellation of the status in Israel of a person who received the status through a family unification procedure, given criminal activity and activity against the state after receiving the status;
- 6) A person who received status in Israel in the framework of a family unification application, or for another reason, will not be entitled to apply for family unification for another foreign relative.

C. Annual quotas for family unification approvals

The Ministry of Interior will examine, in the framework of formulating the new policy, possibilities for setting quotas for granting approvals of family unification and will bring before the government a proposal on the matter.

D. Legislation

The Ministry of Interior will examine the need and will submit proposals for legislative amendments required for implementation of the above stated decisions.

E. Immigration authority

The establishment of an immigration authority within the Ministry of Interior will be expedited.

F. Inter-branch cooperation

The Ministry of Interior will act, in collaboration with the other government offices in everything related to the sharing and analysis of data. The government offices will transfer to the Ministry of Interior data analyses and estimations concerning the entry of foreigners to the territory of the State of Israel (among other things, this includes information by assessment and intelligence bodies, the National Insurance Institute, and the Employment Service Bureau and others).”