

family with anthropological background on the concept of the "extended" family in Palestinian society - as distinguished from the Western concept of "nuclear" family - to be included in the criteria for family reunification. This document was submitted to the Israeli and Palestinian delegations to the multilateral peace talks with the recommendation not to define the criteria for the quota of families being granted family reunification by nuclear family standards.

HaMoked is in the process of preparing a comprehensive report on family reunification and visitors' permits. It will continue its advocacy on behalf of residency issues to ensure that all Palestinians are able to conduct a normal family life without fear of separation.

Exit Permits

HaMoked's 1992 report on travel restrictions had found strong indications that permits are denied to punish family members or residents of an area where people have been charged with security offenses, and has been successful in obtaining permits for a majority of clients who have been denied exit, as discussed above.

An unpublished directive has required all West Bank and East Jerusalem young men from age 16 to 35 to remain abroad for at least nine months, regardless of their security record. In 1992, HaMoked petitioned the High Court on this issue, and as a result, the order has been made public for the first time. The Coordinator of Activities in the territories announced and later confirmed in a June 1993 letter to HaMoked, that starting July 18, 1993 "residents of the areas over the age of 25 will be allowed to go abroad without having to obtain a special permit to return to the areas before the end of nine months." Following this partial victory, HaMoked continues its advocacy on behalf of 16-24 year-old males who must still wait nine months before return - and freedom of movement in general for all Palestinians from the territories.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

HaMoked began 1993 with two coordinators, an administrative assistant, secretary, part-time fundraiser, and a part-time attorney. In May of 1993, HaMoked expanded its office staff: the part-time attorney took on a full-time position; and a new part-time attorney was hired. This increase of legal staff, while maintaining the use of its consulting attorney for certain cases, was needed to fill the growing need for legal advocacy by HaMoked on behalf of its clients. With the leaving of its part-time fundraiser, HaMoked hired a new fundraiser in June and added the task of report writing to constitute one three-quarter time position. This enables HaMoked to expand its writing of reports on a more professional level. Thus, HaMoked now has seven staff members.

New Office

HaMoked moved into its new office in May 1993 located at 4 Abu Obeidah Street in East Jerusalem on the same street as the previous office. As HaMoked expanded its work, the old storefront office space became increasingly inadequate. HaMoked renovated the new office, bought office furniture and equipment, and has been able to expand its staff, work area and record keeping, and, consequently, can serve the growing number of clients.