

- b. If it appears in the examination that the said person who is registered in the population registry as a permanent resident continued to preserve an appropriate affinity with Israel during the period when he resided outside of Israel, the Interior Ministry will not take steps – subject to criminal and security clearance – to delete him from the registry.

Nothing in the abovementioned shall detract from the provisions of law concerning naturalization and acquisition of a permit for permanent residence outside Israel, or from the Interior Ministry's discretion concerning their application in light of the applicant's personal circumstances and his affinities as a whole.

This Updating Notice was submitted to the honored Court by my attorneys on 31 October 1999.

3. In light of the complexity of the subject and the need to give clear and detailed operative instructions as far as possible to the East Jerusalem Population Registry Bureau, I held a number of consultations in my office with the participation of additional parties in order to formulate operative instructions as mentioned above.

Following these consultations, a series of operative instructions were formulated which received the approval of the Prime Minister's Office.

Below are the detailed operative instructions which were issued pursuant to and in light of the Updating Notice of 31 October 1999, and which concern the Interior Ministry's interpretation of the provisions of Regulations 10, 11(c) and 11A(1) of the Entry into Israel Regulations 5734 – 1974, concerning persons registered in the population registry.

- a. *Concerning persons who were deleted from the population registry from the year 1995 and thereafter -*
A person who transferred his center of life outside Israel for more than seven years, and thus, according to the law his permit for permanent residence in Israel expired, and the Interior Ministry informed him of the expiration of his permit for permanent residence, or he was deleted from the population registry file as a result of this, and he visited Israel during the period of validity of the exit card that was in his possession, and has lived in Israel for at least two years, the Minister of Interior shall see him as having received a permit for permanent residence in Israel on the day of his return, this to the extent that he requests to be registered anew in the population registry.
- b. Concerning a person who transferred his center of life outside Israel for more than seven years, and thus, according to the law his permit for permanent residence in Israel expired, and for whatever reason, the Interior Ministry did not inform him and/or he was not deleted from the population registry file up to now, the Minister of Interior will see him as possessing a valid permit for permanent residence in Israel, to the extent that he visited Israel during the period of validity of the exit card in his possession.
- c. Nothing in the abovementioned shall detract from the provisions of law concerning **naturalization and acquisition of a permit for permanent**

residence outside of Israel, or from the Interior Ministry's discretion concerning their application in light of the applicant's personal circumstances and his affinities as a whole.

- d. **Concerning persons who were minors** at the time their parents transferred their center of life outside Israel, in general, the question of their residency will be examined from the day of their majority, and in this matter, the period which preceded the day of their majority will not be taken into account.
- e. This directive shall apply with the necessary modifications, also to a person who transferred his center of life, as stated, to territories in the Area of Judea and Samaria and Gaza.

These are the operative instructions which were issued on my behalf to the director of the Population Registry Bureau in East Jerusalem for the purpose of the actions of the Bureau's clerks in regard to each individual instance brought before them.

In addition to the above, I requested the Director of the Population Registry Bureau in East Jerusalem to examine within 21 days, in light of these detailed operative instructions, the cases of the petitioners in the petition whose matters have not yet been resolved.

I hereby declare that this is my name, this is my signature and that the content of my affidavit is true.

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Nathan Sharansky

[Attested 15 March 2000]