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<u>At the Supreme Court</u> <u>Sitting as the High Court of Justice</u> HCJ 4699/14

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The Petitioners

v.

- 1. Israeli Knesset Represented by the Knesset legal department Kiryat Ben Gurion, Jerusalem 91950 Tel.: 02-6408636; Fax: 02-6753495
- 2. The Prime Minister
- 3. Minister of the Interior
- 4. Attorney General Represented by the State Attorney's Office Ministry of Justice, Jerusalem Tel.: 02-6466246; Fax: 02-6467011

The Respondents

Preliminary Response on behalf of Respondent 1

According to the decision of the honorable court dated July 8, 2014, and the extensions, respondent 1 (hereinafter: the **respondent**) hereby respectfully submits its preliminary response to the petition, as follows:

- 1. This petition concerns petitioners' request that the honorable court orders to upgrade the status of petitioner 2, and grant her, at least, a renewable A/5 visa. In addition, the petitioners request that this honorable court orders the respondents establish an exception to section 2 of the Citizenship and Entry into Israel Law (Temporary Order), 5763-2003 (hereinafter: the Law), according to which residents of the Area who live in Israel for a protracted period of time under residency permits within the framework of family unification proceedings, will be at least granted with an A/5 visa.
- 2. Respondent's position is that the petition against it should be denied summarily and on its merits. With respect to the first relief, it does not concern the respondent at all since it involves the **implementation of the Law** by the executive authority. With respect to the second relief, at this stage, the respondent does not see any need to add to respondents 2-4 response, and it is also of the opinion that petitioners' arguments in this regard should be denied.

Today, November 4, 2014 11 Heshvan 5775

(signature)

Dr. Gur Blei, Advocate The Knesset representative