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State Attorney's Office

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To:
Advocate Daniel Shenhar
HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual
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Jerusalem 97200

Re: **Your claims concerning use of prohibited measures by**
Israel Security Agency's interrogators

Reference: your letter to the Attorney General dated April 20, 2015 (your No. 78563)

Your above referenced letter was transferred to the attention of the State Attorney. On his behalf, please be advised as follows:

1. In your previous letter dated September 11, 2014, you claimed that Israel Security Agency (ISA) interrogators habitually use prohibited interrogation measures, and that said phenomenon warranted our intervention. On December 25, 2014, I replied to your said letter and noted that in the absence of reference to a specific case or interrogee against whom inappropriate interrogation methods had been ostensibly used – it was extremely difficult to examine the allegations.
2. In your above referenced letter you claimed that according to my reply dated December 25, 2014, there was, in fact, no way to conduct across the board control and supervision over ISA activities, as opposed to an examination of a specific interrogee, in a manner which did not enable the execution of required systemic changes. In addition you raised again claims concerning interrogation measures, which according to you, were used by the Israel Security Agency: "distorted" interrogation chairs, prolonged and painful shackling, the use of shouts, curses and threats and shackling interrogees to bed for long hours.
3. With respect to your claims concerning the above mentioned inappropriate interrogation measures, which are allegedly used by ISA interrogators, I wish to emphasize once again that it is extremely difficult to examine allegations concerning the use of inappropriate interrogation methods, if such allegations are not supported by a specific complaint of an interrogee. As stated in my reply dated December 25, 2014, to the extent claims are raised concerning the use of prohibited measures in a specific interrogation – they will be thoroughly examined.
4. With respect to your claims that in view of the above we face a dead end, due to the fact that specific complaints do not lead to a systemic change, on the one hand, while the law

enforcement system refrains from the examination of across the board complaints, on the other – I wish to refer you in this regard to the last part of paragraph 6 of my letter dated December 25, 2015. As stated therein, to the extent it becomes evident, from a specific complaint or from the accumulation of several complaints, that inappropriate phenomena exist – the matter would be obviously examined and handled.

5. It should be further emphasized that the state attorney's office conducts a systemic supervision over ISA actions on an ongoing basis, and in many cases in the past across the board conclusions were drawn as a result of examinations of complaints made by specific interrogees. This was the case, for instance in HCJ 3533/08 **Sweiti v. Israel Security Agency** (September 9, 2009), which shows that Mr. Sweiti's complaint yielded across the board conclusions and a directive concerning the manner by which interrogations should be conducted in the future.

Very truly yours,

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Person in charge of
ISA Interrogee Complaints Comptroller

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