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Authority

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To
Advocate Benjamin Agsteribbe
HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual
4 Abu Obeida Street
Jerusalem

Dear Sir,

Re: Revocation of permanent residency status in Jerusalem during 2014
Reference: My response letter dated March 8, 2015, 2015-2978
Your e-mail dated April 27, 2015

The following is the response of the professional personnel of our office:

In response to paragraphs 1 a,b,c please be advised that in 2014, the residency status of 107 residents including 56 women and 12 minors expired, while staying outside Israel the residency status of 60 residents expired.

In response to paragraph 2 of your letter – the information requested in paragraph 2 of the request cannot be provided in view of the fact that the requested data was not categorized as such on the computerized system of the population authority.

In response to paragraph 3 – please be advised that there has been no change in the response as given to your request for information of 2010 concerning revocation of residency.

In response to paragraph 4 a and b – see the following table:

Requests for "permanent residency status" are used for additional types of cases other than "expiration of residency" and therefore, a precise data for this request cannot be pulled out. The following is a table specifying the number of residents who were registered as permanent residents in East Jerusalem during the relevant years, following an examination of their residency:

Registration Year	Total
2005	47
2006	68
2007	76
2008	95
2009	66

2010	84
2011	46
2012	42
2013	34
2014	31

For your information, there is no way to characterize all applications submitted for the grant of permanent residency status, and applications submitted for the reinstatement of residency. The manner by which the request is drafted in your letter does not enable us to provide accurate data.

In response to paragraph 5 of your letter – applications for permanent residency status submitted by individuals whose residency status expired are handled by us according to the Sharansky affidavit. Accordingly, we examine the personal circumstances and entire ties of each applicant including residents who obtained status elsewhere.

In view of the comments made by the court in several petitions, the population authority decided to implement more broadly the last part of the paragraph in the Sharansky affidavit which pertains to the application of the provisions of the law to individuals who naturalized or obtained permanent residency status outside Israel, as far as the examination of their personal circumstances and entire ties is concerned. Accordingly, a more lenient approach is taken towards individuals who return to Israel for relocation purposes, each case according to its circumstances.

In response to paragraphs 6,7,8, there has been no change in the response as given to your request for information of 2010 concerning residency.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Mali Davidian

Nominee under the Freedom of Information Act

Cc: Mrs. Hagit Weiss – director of the East Jerusalem population authority bureau.

According to section 7(6) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5758-1998, the above decision may be appealed to the court of administrative affairs.