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To Avraham Menkes Legal Intern Gisha Organization

Re: Request according to the Freedom of Information Law - Procedure on the Relocation of West Bank Residents to the Gaza Strip - Partial Response

Following your letter dated October 7, 2014

- 1. Paragraph 4 the last update which was distributed (2010) is the last update of the procedure and its version may be found in COGAT's website.
- 2. <u>Paragraph 5</u> no information was located regarding applications which were not submitted according to the procedure.
- 3. <u>Paragraph 6</u> the requested item, in which, in fact, questions are posed to the authority, is not "information" as this term is defined in the Freedom of Information Law.

4. Paragraph 7 –

- a. The Civil Administration makes efforts to respond to the Palestinian Authority within about 10 business days. However, no specific time frame is established in the procedure itself.
- b. The application is transferred by the Palestinian Authority. Therefore, the response is delivered to them in writing, together with the grounds therefore.
- c. There is no tribunal before which the decision may be appealed.

5. Paragraph 8 -

a. In this paragraph we were requested to provide details concerning the number of applications segmented according to the application's status, demographic details of the resident-applicant and the authorizing agency of each request.

- b. The Civil Administration has never made any such follow-up for such applications. In addition, applications from some of the years were destroyed. Nevertheless, attempts are made to locate the requested data by manual review of all relocation applications to Gaza, which according to a search that was run through the computerized system did not return within a short period.
- 6. We apologize for the delay in our response to your request, which derives from the reasons specified above. We estimate that we will be able the information requested in this paragraph within about two weeks.
- 7. For your information.

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