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[Letterhead of the Population and Immigration Authority]

**Freedom of Information Law**

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To

HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual

Greetings,

Here are the data extracted with the help of the computation department and a response suggestion [*sic*] to HaMoked's freedom of information application concerning family unification processes.

Section A3: See following table:

| Year  | No. of Requests |
|-------|-----------------|
| 2012  | 672             |
| 2013  | 587             |
| 2014  | 617             |
| 2015  | 630             |
| 2016  | 126             |
| Total | 2,632           |

A3a: See following table:

|        |       |
|--------|-------|
| Male   | 1,458 |
| Female | 1,174 |

A3b: Of the requests in Section A3, in 107 requests the invited person was a minor at the time the request was submitted.

A3c: Of the requests in Section A3, here is the breakdown according to countries of origin, the Judea and Samaria Area/Abroad:

Judea and Samaria residents (those with an ID number) – 1,941

And from abroad – 596

Comment: The data in Section A3 was extracted from the list of requests in the registry file, whereas the data in this section was extracted from the list of the invited persons who are

linked to the request; and as in some of the requests, the “invited” type link is not updated, there is a certain discrepancy between the data in these sections.

A4: See following table of approved requests:

| Year  | No. of Requests |
|-------|-----------------|
| 2012  | 447             |
| 2013  | 376             |
| 2014  | 269             |
| 2015  | 154             |
| 2016  | 2               |
| Total | 1,248           |

A4a. See following table of approved requests divided by male and female sponsor:

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| Male   | 738 |
| Female | 510 |

A4b. Of the approved requests, in 70 requests the invited person was a minor.

A4c. Of the approved requests, 959 invited persons were from the Judea and Samaria Area and 271 from abroad.

Comment: The data in Section A4 was extracted from the list of requests in the registry file, whereas the data in this section was extracted from the list of the invited people linked to the request, and as in some of the requests, the “invited” type link is not updated, there is a certain discrepancy between the data in these sections.

A5. See following table of rejected requests:

| Year | No. of Requests |
|------|-----------------|
| 2012 | 188             |
| 2013 | 145             |
| 2014 | 108             |
| 2015 | 84              |
| 2016 | 1               |

A5a. See following table of rejected requests divided by male and female sponsor:

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| Male   | 253 |
| Female | 273 |

A5b. Of the refused requests, in 14 requests the invited person was a minor.

A5c. Of the refused requests, 368 were from the Judea and Samaria and 138 from abroad.

A5d. See following table according to refusal grounds:

|    |                                   |      |
|----|-----------------------------------|------|
| 75 | Other refusal                     | 2012 |
| 11 | Unmet conditions refusal          | 2012 |
| 1  | Spouses' genuine marriage refusal | 2012 |
| 3  | Unmet criteria refusal            | 2012 |
| 40 | Center of life refusal            | 2012 |
| 3  | Police refusal                    | 2012 |
| 12 | Polygamist refusal                | 2012 |
| 43 | ISA refusal                       | 2012 |

|    |                                   |      |
|----|-----------------------------------|------|
| 45 | Other refusal                     | 2013 |
| 3  | Failed criteria refusal           | 2013 |
| 3  | Abandonment refusal               | 2013 |
| 1  | Spouses' genuine marriage refusal | 2013 |
| 1  | Unmet criteria refusal            | 2013 |
| 38 | Center of life refusal            | 2013 |
| 6  | Police refusal                    | 2013 |
| 7  | Polygamist refusal                | 2013 |
| 41 | ISA refusal                       | 2013 |

|    |                          |      |
|----|--------------------------|------|
| 28 | Other Refusal            | 2014 |
| 3  | Unmet conditions refusal | 2014 |
| 2  | Abandonment refusal      | 2014 |
| 1  | Unmet criteria refusal   | 2014 |
| 19 | Center of life refusal   | 2014 |
| 4  | Police refusal           | 2014 |
| 4  | Polygamist refusal       | 2014 |
| 47 | ISA refusal              | 2014 |

|    |                          |      |
|----|--------------------------|------|
| 7  | Other Refusal            | 2015 |
| 1  | Unmet conditions refusal | 2015 |
| 1  | Unmet criteria refusal   | 2015 |
| 9  | Center of life refusal   | 2015 |
| 3  | Polygamist refusal       | 2015 |
| 63 | ISA refusal              | 2015 |

|   |             |      |
|---|-------------|------|
| 1 | ISA refusal | 2016 |
|---|-------------|------|

B7. Pursuant to the family unification procedure, there are about 9,900 requests in which a 'referral to a DCO' type approval was given for receiving a permit of stay in Israel.

- a. Of them, 4,508 are men sponsors, and 5,392 woman.
- b. 247 minors are staying with a DCO permit.
- c. Of the requests in Section B7, the "invited" are Judea and Samaria residents.
- d. Of the requests in Section B7, the "invited" is a Gaza Strip resident in 327 requests.

B8. The number of people who are staying in Israel under a temporary residency visa type A/5 in the framework of family unification is 12,309.

B9a. Of them 9,121 requests the sponsor is male and in 2,818 requests the sponsor is female (the total in this Section is higher than the total in Section B9 [*sic*], because the data in Section B9 was extracted from the number of requests, whereas in this section the data was extracted from the list of “sponsors” in the request file, and in certain requests it was discovered that more than one sponsor had been updated.

B9b. The data for this section cannot be extracted given that the data in Section B8 was extracted from the request file’s decision field, i.e., it shows the number of requests on which the decision was of A/5 visa type, and not the number of persons who received a visa type A/5, and therefore, it is possible that for the data on a request approved for an A/5 type visa, there are other persons linked to the request who received A/5 visas.

B9c. the total of invited persons from Gaza and the West Bank who hold a visa type A/5 stands at 2,600.

West Bank – 2,196. Gaza – 404.

B9e. Of the requests in Section B8, 9,709 invited persons are foreign residents.

Sincerely  
[Signed]  
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**Pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Freedom of Information Law 5758-1998, this decision may be appealed at the Court for Administrative Affairs.**