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To
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Re: **Child registration applications and family unification applications**

Following your letters and the letters of other advocates, it was determined that there was mishandling of child registration applications when one of the parents was an Israeli resident and the other a resident of the Area, and when the Israeli resident parent simultaneously submitted a family unification application for the spouse.

Therefore, a clarification has been issued to the Ministry of Interior bureaus, that in each child registration application case, the application should be examined on its merits. If it is proven that the center of life of the applicant and his/her children is in Israel, the children are to be registered.

The family unification application for the spouse will be considered at a separate stage according to the customary criteria.

As to past cases – in order for it to be possible to consider the applications separately without waiting for completion of the handling of the family unification application, in each case where the children were included in the family unification application, a child registration application form must be filled as customary, and the application will be considered according to the manner stated above.

Respectfully and sincerely,

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