

Judgment

President A. Barak:

We examined the petition and the response to it. The petitioners' original request to receive the respondents' answer has been fulfilled. It is now left for us to rule – thus requested the petitioners' counsel – on the question whether the policy regarding a decision in stages (visa B/1 for a period of 27 months followed by a temporary residency visa for three years) is legal. In our opinion, this approach is legally based. It take into consideration the need to maintain a graduated trial period, which will examine, among other things, if the applicant has not gotten mixed up in criminal matters in general, and security ones in particular. Therefore, the petition is to be denied.

Issued today, 14 Adar B, 5757 (23.03.97), before the parties' counsels.

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