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<u>The Jerusalem District Court</u> <u>Sitting as the Court for Administrative Affairs</u> Adm. Pet. 725/03 Set for 6 October. 2008

Re:

Rajoub, et al
Represented by Adv. Yotam Ben Hillel
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Tel: 02-6283555; Fax: 02-6276317 **Petitioners** 

versus –

Minister of the Interior (The State of Israel) Represented by the Jerusalem District State Attorneys Of 7 Mahal Street, Maalot Dafna Jerusalem

Tel: 02-5419555; Fax: 02-5419581

Respondents

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## **Respondent's Reply**

The respondent respectfully files his reply to the amended petition as follows:

- 1. The petitioners filed their application for an extension of the DCO permit on 9 November, 2000, and attached updated documents to their application. Over the course of January 2001 the security services delivered their position, which stated that there was no objection to the application. Due to a technical error, the file was not forwarded for processing as and the petitioner did not receive the DCO permits.
- 2. As a result of the petitioners' application to upgrade their status, the petitioners were requested on 16 December, 2001 to produce updated documentation proving center of life for 2001. A short while later (at the end of January, 2001) the petitioners produced the required documentation.
- 3. Under these circumstances, since it would have been possible to upgrade the petitioner's status prior to the Government Decision subject to receiving the position of the security services, however, the position of the Israel Security Agency, which states that there was no objection to the application arrived only in

June 2002; and because of the special circumstances of the case, the respondent is prepared to upgrade the petitioner's status to a Class A/5 status.

4. In these circumstances the petition has been rendered superfluous and the honorable court is requested to order that the petition be dismissed without costs.

28 Elul, 5768

Adv. Yael Antebi- Sharon (signed)
Deputy to the State Attorney
Jerusalem District (Civil)

28 September, 2008