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To: Attorney Osnat Mandel, Head of the HCJ Petitions Division, State Attorney's Office

In follow-up to a meeting that was held in regards to the below-mentioned matter, the criteria formulated by our ministry, with the agreement of the director of the Population Administration are as follows:

Re: **Criteria for application of the government's decision in extraordinary cases**

The relevant cases

1. Applications in which decisions have not yet been given, for the reason that the time taken for handling them extended for an unnecessarily long and unreasonable amount of time, notwithstanding the complete cooperation of the applicants. Applications that are submitted after 1 September 2001 will not be considered extraordinary pursuant to this section.
2. Applications in which there are special humanitarian reasons justifying exception or temporary postponement of application of the government's decision. Such reasons are, for example, where one of the couple or the children in their custody suffer a serious illness. These applications will be forwarded for review to an inter-ministerial committee for humanitarian matters.
3. Applications as to which petitions were filed with the court before adoption of the government's decision, and in the course of the court litigation, the State made a commitment to carry out an additional act or acts to advance the handling of the file in order to reach a decision on the application.
4. Applications in which a decision to reject the application was made before adoption of the government's decision, which decision was errant at the time it was made,

provided that the applicants requested the Ministry of the Interior within a reasonable period of time to correct the errors.

Proposed policy for handling the said files

Except for Article 2 above, in which the exception from the government's decision will be temporary and will be examined periodically and handled by local solutions, in all the other cases, as a rule, the treatment of the application will be in a manner such that the government's decision does not apply, in the sense that the handling of the application will continue, and where the application is approved, the maximum status that will be granted is a DCO. permit or a B/1 visa, as the case may be, which will be extended periodically until otherwise decided.