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The Legal Advisor

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Att. Abeer Jubran
HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual
Abu 'Obeida St.
Jerusalem, 97200

Dear Madam,

Re: HaMoked's appeal regarding the requirement to provide a private telephone number when submitting an application or appeal to the Erez DCO

Reference: your letter dated 21 January 2007

After thoroughly examining your appeal, concerning the issue cited in the title, by consulting all the relevant organs, I hereby reply as follows:

Due to the security risk posed by the Gaza Strip, Israel's policy at this time is to prohibit the entry of Gaza residents to Israel, except in extremely unusual humanitarian cases, and subject to a security screening of the applicant. We emphasize that the State's position was recently accepted in the framework of a petition submitted to the High Court of Justice, **HCJ 4496/07 _____ Madhun et al. v. GOC Southern Command et al.**

In order to conduct effective security screenings for those who wish to enter Israel, there is a professional need to receive all of the applicant's personal information and thus the applicant is required to fill in a written application form which includes, *inter alia*, specific personal details such as: full name, ID number, address and telephone number. The written application is transferred to the officials in charge of the matter and every request is examined on its merits, according to its substance and the applicant's personal information, as well as the circumstances of time and place.

Therefore, and for all the reasons mentioned above, an applicant's personal information is required, including his private telephone number.

Best,

Shlomit Barnea Farago, Att.

Legal Advisor

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