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To: Adv. Adi Lustigman
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Re: **Request made by your client, al-Karki, ID for a permit to drive in Israel**

Yours: dated February 18, 2015

1. I hereby confirm receipt of your letter in reference.
1. Having reviewed the request made by your client, whose information appears in the subject line, and the documents enclosed therewith, it is doubtful that the request meets the criteria for issuance of the permit sought. However, beyond the requirement of law, a provisional decision to approve a temporary driving permit for your client for three months has been made. The approval is subject to security screening, as detailed below.
2. First, we recall that a permit to drive an Israeli vehicle within the borders of Israel will be granted to residents of Judea and Samaria only in exceptional humanitarian cases. This policy is based on security officials' assessment that allowing Area residents to drive cars inside Israel poses a tangible security threat. This policy has been approved by the Supreme Court in HCJ 5539/05 **Atallah v. Minister of Defense**.
3. The protocol formulated for processing applications for driving permits includes a number of prerequisites applicants must meet before their applications can be reviewed. The prerequisites are as follows:
 - a. The applicant has a valid Israeli stay permit given as part of the family unification procedure.
 - b. The applicant has been lawfully living in Israel for more than three consecutive years.

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- c. The applicant's immediate relative who lives in Israel on a permanent basis (has a permanent residency visa or citizenship), suffers from a medical condition that requires frequent treatment which necessitates urgent access to a medical institution, **and the applicant's Israeli spouse is unable to drive an Israeli car, and there is no other solution for the relative's arrival to the medical institution.**
4. In the case herein, your client has requested to be granted a permit to drive in Israel in order to drive his son Eid, to medical treatments. The documents enclosed with the application did indicate that, at the present time, Eid does suffer from a medical condition that requires frequent treatments that necessitate urgent access to a medical institution.
5. However, upon review of the request, it has been found that there is doubt as to whether it meets the third prerequisite. In the application, it was stated that your client's wife (hereinafter: the wife) is unable to drive due to "driving anxiety" and that all her attempts at learning how to drive in the past have failed. It was further claimed that the wife is currently suffering from emotional difficulties which preclude her from learning how to drive. Furthermore, due to the family's difficult financial situation, it cannot afford driving lessons. Despite the aforesaid, **not one of these arguments is backed by any sort of documentation.**
6. In the current state of affairs, it is highly doubtful that a determination that the wife is unable to drive an Israeli vehicle can be made. **Despite this, beyond the requirement of law, and given the unique condition of your client's son, the head of the Department of Economics has decided to approve your request on a provisory basis,** as specified below:
7. Your client will receive a temporary driving permit for a three-month period. Issuance of this permit is subject to receiving the position of security officials. Upon the expiry of the permit, your client will have to provide proof that his wife has made an honest effort to learn how to drive and has failed despite her efforts as a condition for permit renewal. Alternatively, should your client provide documents attesting to the fact that his wife is medically unable to drive, the decision will be reevaluated.
8. Finally, we wish your client's children, and particularly his son Eid, good health.
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