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Date: November 18, 2015
In your response please note: 90004

To:
Maj. Gen. Eitan Dangot
Coordinator Government
Activities in the Territories
Dear Sir,

By facsimile: 03-6976306

Re: **Ban on entering Eilat imposed on Palestinians living in Israel under the family unification procedure**

1. I am contacting you with a request to lift the ban on entering Eilat imposed on Palestinians lawfully residing in Israel pursuant to renewable stay-permits, issued under the family unification procedure. I also request the removal of the inscription indicating the ban which appears on the stay-permits issued to Palestinians undergoing family unification.
2. As you are aware, under the Entry into Israel Law (Temporary Order) 5763-2003, Palestinians undergoing family unification can no longer upgrade their legal status in the country. As a result, thousands of Palestinians have been living in Israel for years pursuant to Israeli entry-permits issued for the purpose of family unification, and also allow for overnight stay (hereinafter: stay-permits).
3. These individuals live exclusively in Israel together with their spouses, who are residents or citizens of the country, and other family members. They may enter Israeli courts and government offices, and they can travel freely throughout the country, making the ban on entering Eilat specifically, as noted on the stay-permit itself, perplexing.

A copy of a stay-permit given for the purpose of family unification (without personal information), bearing the inscription "may exit to Israel, with the exception of Eilat", attached hereto and marked **A**.

4. To the best of our knowledge, and according to inquiries we have made, the Eilat entry ban imposed on Palestinians undergoing family unification is not anchored in any procedure, and no reasons or explanation for the ban have been supplied to date.
5. Given the aforesaid, and given the illogical, unjustifiable ban on Palestinians' entry to Eilat specifically, I request that the blanket ban be lifted and Palestinians undergoing family unification be permitted to enter Eilat. I also



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request the removal of the inscription “with the exception of Eilat” from the permit.

6. Should you insist on continuing this policy, I request that you specify the reasons for same.
7. I thank you for your response.

Respectfully,

Abir Joubran-Dakwar,
Advocate

Enclosed: Appendix A.