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Re: Expiry of permanent residency licence of minors residents of East Jerusalem Ref.: Your letter[s] of November 8, 2015 and April 4, 2016

Further to your above-referenced letter, here is our response:

- 1. A licence of permanent residency in Israel expires according to the Entry into Israel Regulations, 5734-1974. When the parent's licence expires, the licences of his underage children expire as well.
- According to an affidavit submitted on March 5, 2000, by then-Minister of Interior, Mr. Natan Sharansky, in the framework of a judicial proceeding in HCJ 2227/98 (hereinafter: "the affidavit"), and the procedure on expiry of a permanent residency licence [5.2.0018] formulated thereby, the residency of minors residents of East Jerusalem is examined from the day of their majority, so the period preceding their adulthood is not taken into account.
- 3. Accordingly, a minor who reached the age of majority may file an application for a permanent license, and this application will be examined, as stated, from the day of his majority and subject to the Authority's procedures.
- 4. To clarify, the affidavit does not revoke the Entry into Israel Regulations and the expiry of the license, but only enables restoration generally, and addresses the manner of examining the residency in Israel.

Sincerely,

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