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To

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Dear Sir,

Re: **Procedures for exit abroad via Allenby Bridge and Ben Gurion Airport for residents of the West Bank and accompanying persons**

We have appealed to several bodies regarding the abovementioned issue and, unfortunately, have been unable to obtain substantive answers.

We would be grateful if you could enlighten us – the more detail, the better.

Various appeals we have recently received yield an unclear picture of the exit via Allenby Bridge/Ben Gurion Airport procedures pertaining to families where one spouse is a resident of the Territories and his child is a resident of Jerusalem or is not registered at all.

We therefore seek your assistance in clarifying the following procedures:

- A. 1. In cases where a parent who is a resident of the West Bank wishes to exit via the Bridge and/or Ben Gurion Airport with his minor child, who is registered in the population registry in Israel (as the other parent is a resident of East Jerusalem).

It should be noted that as far as we know, there is no shared passage for residents of the West Bank and East Jerusalem at the Allenby Bridge.

How would such a parent be able to exit with his infant child, for example?

2. In cases where a parent who is a resident of the West Bank wishes to exit via Allenby Bridge and/or Ben Gurion Airport with his minor child who is not registered in the population registry in the West Bank or the population registry in Israel, when the mother of said minor is a resident of East Jerusalem and registered in the Israeli population registry. These are usually children who are in the process of waiting to be registered in the Israeli registry. It must be noted that these procedures are extremely protracted as far as processing by the Ministry of the Interior is concerned.
3. In cases where a six-month visitor to the West Bank (whose family unification application has yet to receive a response) wishes to exit through the Allenby Bridge with his child who is registered in the population registry in the West Bank.
4. In cases where a child was born abroad to parents from the West Bank, while they were abroad, and the parents exited with their exit card and/or travel document – how will such a couple be able to enter the Area with their baby? (via the Bridge and/or Ben Gurion Airport).

B. We would be grateful for a detailed response regarding procedures at the Bridge and, separately, for procedures at Ben Gurion Airport.

Sincerely

[signed]

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