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HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual - Abeer Jubran, Att.
Erez DCO – Head of the DCO

Re: **Your appeal regarding the requirement for provision of telephone numbers as a condition for appeals to the DCO**

Ref: ours HB-7-165504

1. Pursuant to our letter referenced herein, we wish to inform you that it was sent to you by mistake, as this was an internal position which was disseminated as part of staff work concerning the demand for provision of telephone numbers as a condition for processing and screening applications. The sending of the letter was not coordinated with the relevant officials, and in any case, these officials did not approve the distribution of the letter to external organs.
2. After all relevant considerations were weighed, no fault was found with the demand to receive the telephone numbers of Palestinian residents of Gaza prior to the approval of their applications to enter Israel, in light of the fact that Gaza residents do not have a vested right to enter Israel, and since providing a telephone number does not violate privacy and is customary in applications to enter many countries across the world.
3. Therefore, you are required to include the telephone numbers of applicants who are Gaza residents in your appeals to the Erez DCO.

Best,

[signed]

Ariel Ben Dayan, Major

Bureau Chief GOC Southern Command