

December 8, 2017

Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Office of the Clerk
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543-0001

RE: Second Consent Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Petition for Certiorari in *Livnat v. PA*, No. 17-508.

Dear Mr. Harris,

Pursuant to this Court's Rule 30.4, Respondent Palestinian Authority respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time, to and including January 17, 2018, in which to file its brief in opposition to the above-referenced Petition for Certiorari. Pursuant to this Court's Rule 15.3, Respondent's brief in opposition currently is due December 18, 2017. This is the second consent request for an extension in this case.

Petitioners' counsel, Jessica P. Weber, of Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP, has authorized Respondent to state that Petitioners consent to this extension.

As grounds for the requested 30-day extension, Respondent states as follows:

1. The Solicitor General is presently preparing to file a brief on behalf of the United States in *Sokolow v. PLO*, No. 16-1071, pursuant to the June 26, 2017 request of this Court. The views of the United States in *Sokolow* will bear materially on the remainder of the Petition-stage briefing in this case. Indeed, the *Livnat* Petition avers that the question presented in the two cases "is substantially the same," and requests that this Court consider the *Livnat* Petition together with the petition in *Sokolow* or that it "hold" the *Livnat* Petition pending the disposition of *Sokolow*. Pet. at i, 32.

Though unknown, it is anticipated that the Solicitor General will file its brief in *Sokolow* before the end of the calendar year. A 30-day extension will serve the interests of judicial efficiency by enabling the parties to fully consider the views of the United States in *Sokolow* in the remaining Petition-stage briefing in this case, and

before the Petition here is distributed for the Court's conference.

2. Respondent comprises the domestic government of Palestine, as Petitioners acknowledge. *See* Pet. at 2; *see also* Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, arts. I, VI-VII, Sept. 13, 1993, 32 I.L.M. 1525, 1527. Multiple elements of the Palestinian government, at the highest levels, will need to review and approve Respondent's brief in opposition prior to submission. This inter-agency review process will be time-consuming, not unlike the U.S. government inter-agency coordination process for briefs submitted to this Court.

Accordingly, and with Petitioners' consent, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time, to and including January 17, 2018, in which to file its brief in opposition to the above-referenced Petition for Certiorari.

Sincerely,

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cc: All counsel of record (see attached Certificate of Service)