

March 2, 2018

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

RE: Fourth 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 60-day extension of time, to and including May 14, 2018, in which to file its brief in opposition to the above-referenced Petition for Certiorari. Pursuant to this Court's Order of January 8, 2018, Respondent's brief in opposition currently is due March 16, 2018. This is the fourth 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 60-day extension, Respondent states as follows:

1. On February 22, 2018, the Solicitor General filed its 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*, and the Court's disposition of the *Sokolow* Petition following its consideration of those views, 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 "hold" the *Livnat* Petition pending the disposition of *Sokolow*, or consider the *Livnat* Petition together with the petition in *Sokolow*. Pet. at i, 32.

A 60-day extension will serve the interests of judicial efficiency by enabling the parties to reflect the views of the United States in *Sokolow* in the remaining Petition-stage briefing in this case, and to reflect the Court's disposition of the pending

Sokolow Petition, prior to completion of the Petition-stage briefing in *Livnat*. We understand that the *Sokolow* Petition will not be considered at a conference of the Court until sometime after the current March 16, 2018 due date of Respondent's Brief in Opposition to the *Livnat* Petition.

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 60-day extension of time, to and including May 14, 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)