

December 20, 2019

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

RE: Consent Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Petition for
Certiorari in *Sokolow et al. v. Palestine Liberation Organization, et al.*,
No. 19-764 (docketed December 16, 2019).

Dear Mr. Harris,

I am counsel of record for Respondents Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestinian Authority. Pursuant to the Court's Rule 30.4, Respondents respectfully request an extension of time, to and including March 16, 2020, of the deadline to file their brief in opposition to the Petition for Certiorari in this action. Respondents' brief in opposition currently is due January 15, 2020. This is Respondents' first request for an extension of time.

Petitioners' counsel, Kent Yalowitz of Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP, has authorized us to state that Petitioners consent to this requested extension of Respondents' time to file their brief in opposition.

As grounds for this requested extension, Respondents state as follows:

1. Respondents collectively comprise the government of Palestine pursuant to the Oslo Accord of 1993. *See* Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, Sept. 13, 1993, arts. I, VI-VII, 32 I.L.M. 1525, 1527 (1993). Multiple elements of the Palestinian government will need to review and approve Respondents' 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.

2. Respondents also must prepare their brief in opposition to the Petition for Certiorari in a related case, *Estate of Esther Klieman et al. v. Palestinian Authority, et al.*, No. 19-741. Respondents have sought an unopposed extension until March 13, 2019, of the deadline for their brief in opposition to the Petition in *Klieman*.
3. Respondents seek this extension in light of the comparable unopposed extension requested in the *Klieman* case, the workload of responding to two related Petitions, competing court deadlines in other cases, and the fact that the current response period occurs during the Winter holidays when staffing is reduced.

Accordingly, Respondents respectfully request that the Court extend, to and including March 16, 2020, their deadline to file their brief in opposition to the Petition for Certiorari in this action.

Respectfully submitted,

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