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**Subject:** Ref. OL ISR 12/2018- A request for extension

Dear Ms. Balbin,

I am writing to you following the communication sent to the Israeli mission on 2 November 2017, concerning the *Basic Law: Israel – National State of the Jewish People* (Ref. OL ISR 12/2018).

In the communication we are given 60 days to response to it, i.e. (to my calculation 31/12/2018).

I hereby request the Special Procedure Branch to grant the State of Israel an extension of 30 days to the submission of its response. This kind of communication requires the involvement of many different agencies of the governments in order to be able to properly reply. Each relevant office in Israel needs time to analyze the substance of the communication, prepare a response and obtain the validation by the pertinent authorities.

I wish to emphasize that we have been working on a reply, however we have not obtained all considerations yet and therefore request more time to be able to complete the response.

I would like to highlight that the State of Israel takes very seriously all the communications received by different mandate- holders. Therefore, it requires time to be able to elaborate a reply that properly addresses the concerns expressed by the special procedures.

For the reasons expressed, I would highly appreciate your consideration of our request for extension.

Sincerely,

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