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Administration Service for
Employers and Foreign Workers
Permit Division – Expert Branch

[emblem of the State of Israel]
Permit Unit

[emblem of the Population and
Immigration Authority]

5 Elul 5776

February 20, 2017

Reference number (permits): [REDACTED]

To:

Adv. Emily Schaeffer Omer-Man

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Tel Aviv

Re: Human Rights Watch (application [REDACTED])

The request made by your client, named above, to employ Mr. Omar Shakir, Passport No. [REDACTED], as a human rights researcher in Israel was reviewed by the Advisory Committee for Review of Applications for Employment of Foreign Nationals in the Expert Branch on January 17, 2017.

The opinion received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs noted that, for some time now, this organization's public activities and reports have engaged in politics in the service of Palestinian propaganda, while falsely raising the banner of "human rights", and therefore recommended denying the application.

Given the position of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, members of the Committee advised the head of the Immigration Authority to deny the application.

The head of the authority accepted the Committee's recommendation, and, therefore, your client's application to employ Mr. Omar Shakir has been denied.

You may file a petition challenging this decision with the Court of Administrative Affairs in Jerusalem within 45 days of receipt.

Respectfully,

[signed]

Moshe Nakash

Permit Division Director

per the Supervisor

CC:

Ms. Sharon Tubul-Amir, Expert Branch Coordinator