

## **Joint Canadian-Palestinian Framework for Economic Cooperation and Trade Between Canada and the Palestine Liberation Organization on Behalf of the Palestinian Authority**

- The Government of Canada and the Palestine Liberation Organization, on behalf of the Palestinian Authority, (hereafter referred to as the Parties);
- Recalling United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338;
- Taking note of the Protocol on Economic Relations between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed on April 29, 1994, the Protocol on Further Transfer of Powers and Responsibilities between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed on August 27, 1995 and the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip signed on September 28, 1995, ("the Protocols and the Interim Agreement");
- Desiring to strengthen the ties of friendship and understanding between them by further developing their commercial and economic relations;
- Recognizing that economic development is essential to peace and stability;
- Recalling the General Memorandum of Understanding on Development Cooperation signed by the Parties on June 9, 1998;
- Considering the commitment of both Parties to free trade;
- Resolving to undertake new and sustained efforts to develop a distinctive and dynamic economic and commercial relationship to their common benefit;
- Attaching particular importance to expanding relations and promoting cooperation between their respective private sectors;

### **HAVE COME TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:**

1. In order to encourage and expand trade relations, the Palestine Liberation Organization, on behalf of the Palestinian Authority, in accordance with its responsibilities and obligations under the Protocols and the Interim Agreement, and Canada will:
  - a. commit themselves to facilitate enhanced market access on a reciprocal basis, in a manner which is consistent with the Canadian regulations, as amended, which are listed in the attached Annex 1;
  - b. continue discussions at an early date based on written proposals to improve bilateral trade relations, including possible market access concessions additional to those set out in the above mentioned regulations, the identification and reduction of non-tariff barriers and cooperation on product standards; and
  - c. cooperate in obtaining information related to customs requirements, including any verification visits deemed necessary to maintain the preferential tariff treatment accorded to any particular importation.
2. In order to facilitate economic development and cooperation, the Parties will:
  - a. promote a programme of economic development in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, focusing on economic and technical cooperation which would support and encourage the growth and sustainability of emerging industries;
  - b. identify opportunities for technical assistance and cooperation in the area of trade, including customs procedures and practices;
  - c. consult on means to encourage and protect investment;
  - d. encourage the development of cooperation in science and technology in areas of common interest, especially those relevant to economic development;

e. consult on means to increase and improve cooperation in areas of mutual interest; coordinate efforts to increase awareness of the opportunities for expanded trade between Canada and the West Bank and Gaza Strip and promote the activities

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**ANNEX 1**  
**STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS 1997**

Statutes, Orders and Regulations (SOR/97)

SOR/97-60 - Order specifying limits(tariff rate quota) on the annual aggregate quantity of goods of tariff item No.0603.10.11 (roses)

SOR/97-61 - Regulations prescribing a territory for the purposes of the definition of the Customs Tariff (goods originating in the West Bank or Gaza Strip are considered originating and entitled to preferential tariff treatment)

SOR/97-62 - Regulations defining certain expressions for the purposes of the Customs Tariff

SOR/97-63 - Rules of origin regulations

SOR/97-64 - Tariff preference regulations

SOR/97-65 - Rules of origin for casual goods regulations

SOR/97-68 - Proof of origin of imported goods regulations, amendment

SOR/97-69 - Refund of duties regulations, amendment

SOR/97-70 - Imported goods records regulations, amendment

SOR/97-72 - Advance rulings regulations

SOR/97-73 - Certification of origin regulations

SOR/97-74 - as amended by SOR/98-47 - Tariff item Nos.9971.00.00 and 9992.00.00 (accounting regulations)

SOR/97-75 - Verification of origin regulations

SOR/97-76 - as amended by SOR/97-351 and SOR/98-84 - Importation of goods exported for repair under warranty regulations (tariff item No. 9992.00.00)

SOR/97-77 - General import permit #193 - Roses