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Republic of Korea Provides Much Needed Equipment to Palestinians

Jerusalem, May 12th, 2003: In an effort to bolster its development support to the Palestinian people, the Government of the Republic of Korea, delivered a large amount of essential equipment to the Palestinian Authority, non-governmental organizations, and schools. The effort is carried out in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme/Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP/PAPP), which was entrusted to identify the urgent needs of Palestinian institutions and distribute the equipment accordingly. The equipment includes: 150 computers, 50 printers, 20 scanners, 10 copy machines, 15 faxes, and several other office and stationary provisions. In addition to office equipment, the Korean Government also donated four wheel drive vehicles and a mini bus.

Several institutions will benefit from this Korean contribution, including the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Tourism & Antiquities, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Palestinian Investment Promotion Agency (PIPA) and Gaza Municipality in addition to Al-Quds Open University.

Dr. Naim Abu El-Hommos greeted the audience and thanked the Korean Government for their valuable contribution and the fruitful partnership with the UNDP. "The support you are providing to Palestinian institutions will contribute to an effort for better services and respond to our urgent needs" Abu El-Hommos stated.

"Although we have been providing assistance to the PNA since 1994 in the areas of training and rehabilitation but our largest contribution goes to schools, as they are the pillars of the future and the only way to invest in the future is through education". Said Mr. Yu Myung-hwan, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea. "The Palestinian and Korean people are very much alike. What is important is the quality of our human resources and not just our natural ones and I hope that the Government of Korea, with its contributions, will help ease the prevailing bad economic situation."

For his part Timothy Rothermel the Special Representative of the UNDP stated "This grant comes at a time of difficulty and injustice which makes it even more important. We would





like to assure you of UNDP'S continuous support to the Palestinian people and contribution to the peace process and a better future for the area".

Minister of Local Government, Jamal Al-Shobakky, said that this occasion is especially important not only because of the generous contribution of the Korean government but also because it is the first event that he attends as a Minister of Local Government. "We hope that this contribution will help enhance the capacities of local governance, establish information systems and improve our planning capacities".

The equipment was delivered in a ceremony hosted by the Minister of education, Dr. Naim Abu El-Hommos, and the UNDP, on Monday 12th, 2003, in Ramallah. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Yu Myung-hwan, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea; Dr. Naim Abu El-Hommos, Minister of Education; Mr. Jamal Shobakky, Minister of Local Government; Mr. Maher El-Masri Minister of Economy & Trade; Dr. Hussein Al-Araj, Deputy Minister of Local Government; Prof. Dr. Younis Amr (President, Al-Quds Open University); Mr. Ja'far Hudaib Director, Palestinian Investment Promotion Agency PIPA; Dr. Sufian Kamal, Vice President of Al-Quds Open University; Dr. Hamdan Taha, Director of Antiquities, and Mr. Timothy Rothermel, Special Representative of the UNDP/PAPP.

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