**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

**Preliminary Results of the Palestinian Registered\* External Trade** **in Goods of September, 09/2017**

**Exports of Goods:**

Exports decreased in September, 2017 by 19.8% compared to August, 2017. It also decreased by 2.5% compared to September, 2016 and reached USD 73.5 million.

Exports to Israel decreased in September, 2017 by 21.9% compared to August, 2017 and represented 90.5% of total exports in September, 2017.

On the other hand, exports to other countries increased by 7.7% during the same period compared to August, 2017.

Imports of Goods:

Imports decreased in September, 2017 by 15.2% compared to August, 2017. While it increased by 1% compared to September, 2016 and reached USD 419.6 million.

Imports from Israel decreased by 11.3% in September, 2017 compared to August, 2017 and represented 58.6% of total imports in September, 2017.

At the same time, imports from other countries decreased by 20.1% compared to August, 2017.

**Net Trade Balance on Registered Goods:**

The trade balance which represents the difference between exports and imports showed a decrease in trade deficit by 14.1% in September, 2017 compared to August, 2017. While it increased by 1.8% compared to September, 2016 and reached USD 346.1 million.

**Note:** Includes actual data received from official sources