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

**Preliminary Results of the Palestinian Registered\* External Trade in Goods**

 **of January, 01/2018**

Palestinian Exports decreased in January, 2018 by 13% compared to December, 2017. While it increased by 4.4% compared to January, 2017 and reached USD 82.9 million.

Exports to Israel decreased in January, 2018 by 10.4% compared to December, 2017 and represented 87.9% of total exports in January, 2018.

At the same time, exports to other countries decreased by 28.1% during the same period compared to December, 2017.

Imports of Goods:

Imports slightly decreased in January, 2018 by 0.6% compared to December, 2017. While it increased by 10.4% compared to January, 2017 and reached USD 466.2 million.

Imports from Israel decreased by 1.5% in January, 2018 compared to December, 2017 and represented 56.1% of total imports in January, 2018.

On the other hand, imports from other countries slightly increased by 0.4% compared to December, 2017.

**Net Trade Balance on Registered Goods:**

The trade balance which represents the difference between exports and imports showed an increase in trade deficit by 2.5% in January, 2018 compared to December, 2017. It also increased by 11.7% compared to January, 2017 and reached USD 383.3 million.

**Note:**

\*: Includes actual data received from official sources.