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

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

**in Goods of March, 03/2017.**

**Exports:**

Exports increased in March, 2017 by 9.5% compared to February, 2017. It also increased by 12.5% compared to March, 2016 and reached USD 86.7 Million.

Exports to Israel increased in March, 2017 by 12.1% compared to February, 2017 and represented 88.9% of total exports in March, 2017.

On the other hand, exports to other countries decreased by 7.6% during the same period compared to February, 2017.

Imports:

Imports increased in March, 2017 by 3.4% compared to February, 2017. It also increased by 5.8% compared to March, 2016 and reached USD 427.4 Million.

Imports from Israel increased by 13.3% in March, 2017 compared to February, 2017, and represented 62.7% of total imports in March, 2017.

On the other hand, imports from other countries decreased by 9.7% compared to February, 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 2.0% in March, 2017 compared to February, 2017. It also increased by 4.3% compared to March, 2016 and reached USD 340.7 Million.

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