#### PCBS: News release on external trade statistics

The First monthly news release on the Palestinian registered\* external trade on goods for December/ 2010

### 83% of exports to Israel, compared to 76% from it.

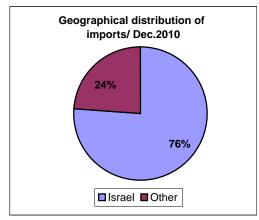
This first news release comes in line with the strategic plan for Palestinian official statistics which PCBS is preparing to subscribe into the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS); the monthly news release of external trade was listed in the statistical calendar for the year 2011 where PCBS is committed to provide monthly news releases after two months of the reference period.

# Total value of imports was US\$ 404.8 million compared to US\$ 59.3 million of exports

The total value of registered imports was US\$ 404.8 million during Dec. 2010, while exports was amounted to US\$ 59.3 during the same period.

## Geographical distribution of Imports:

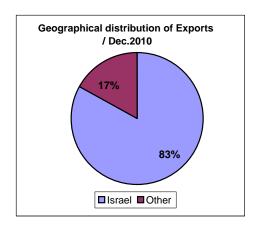
The results indicate that 76% of total imports were from Israel, while 24% were from other countries.



\*: Includes actual data received from official sources only

## Geographical distribution of Exports:

The results indicated that 83% of total exports was exported to Israel, while 17% was exported to other countries.



#### **Trade Balance:**

The deficit in trade balance was US\$ 345.5 million during Dec.2010.

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