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

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

 **in Goods of March, 03/2016.**

**Exports**:

Exports increased in March, 2016 by 11.7% compared to February, 2016. While it decreased by 1.4% compared to March, 2015 and reached USD 77.1 Million.

Exports to Israel increased in March, 2016 by 13.1% compared to February, 2016 and represented 89.7% of total exports in March, 2016.

At the same time, exports to other countries increased by 1.0% during the same period compared to February, 2016.

Imports:

Imports increased in March, 2016 by 7.0% compared to February, 2016. It also slightly increased by 0.9% compared to March, 2015 and reached USD 403.8 Million.

Imports from Israel decreased by 2.7% in March, 2016 compared to February, 2016 and represented 52.0% of total imports in March, 2016.

On the other hand, imports from other countries increased by 20.0% compared to February, 2016.

**Net Trade Balance on Registered Goods:**

The trade balance which represents the difference between exports and imports increased by 6.0% in March, 2016 compared to February, 2016. It also increased by 1.4% compared to March, 2015 and reached USD 326.7 Million.

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