

Palestine Liberation Organization
Palestinian National Authority
Office of the President



Presidential Decree No.(9) of the year 2003 A.D Concerning the Establishment of Palestinian Fund for Employment and Social Protection

President of the State of Palestine
Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization
President of the Palestinian National Authority

Upon perusing the amended Basic Law, and
According to what was presented by the Minister of Labor, and
Based on the powers vested in us, and
For achieving Public interest,

We hereby enacted the following:-

Article (1)

A fund called (Palestinian Fund for Employment and Social Protection) shall be established, and shall enjoy a legal entity and an independent financial disclosure

Article (2)

The funds shall be dedicated to provide financial and technical resources, to contribute in developing human resources, enhancing the business sector within the Palestinian territories, and creating job opportunities to meet the needs of the population through funding or supporting projects in the fields of production and service.

Article (3)

The fund shall have a board of directors, as shown below:

1- The Minister of Labor

Representative for the Ministry of Planning

Representative for the Ministry of Social Affairs

Chairperson

Member

Member



- 4- Representative for the Ministry of Finance Member
- 5- Representative for the Ministry of National Economy Member
- 6- Three representative members for the Palestine General Federation of Trade Unions
- 7- Two representative members for business men
- 8- A representative member for the civil community
- 9- Two figures from women associations
- 10- Two national figures (Mr. Munib Al-Masri , and Eng. Nabil Al- Sharif)
- 11- The Executive Director

Membership period shall be three years for those not representing the Ministries.

Article (4)

The fund shall have an executive board to be presided by the Minister of Labor, and with the membership a representative for employees, a representative for businessmen, a representative for the Ministry of finance, and the executive director; The board shall assume the responsibility of running the fund's affairs, executing the board resolutions, and representing the fund before courts and other relevant authorities.

Article (5)

The financial resources of the fund shall constitute form grants, donations, and amounts provided from individuals, Arab and foreign governments, associations, and international, regional and local organizations, for the purpose of the fund, in addition to the amounts allocated thereof from the general budget of the Palestinian Authority.

Article (6)

The fund's money shall be subject to the rules and provisions related to the public money and monitoring of the same.

Article (7)

The fund's money shall be deposited at an authorized bank to be determined by the board. Disposition of money from this account shall be according to the rules on which a decision shall be issued by the board.

Article (8)

The board shall establish financial regulations to regulate and organize the fund's accounts, to administer its money, to review its accounts and documents that is approved by the Ministries council.



Article (9)

The board shall establish internal regulations/ by-laws to regulate its works based on this decree, and shall issue the necessary decisions required to execute its provisions.

Article (10)

All competent authorities, each within its competence, shall implement this decree and the same shall be applicable from the date of its issuance and publication in the official gazette

Issued in the city of Ramallah, On 20/05/2003 A.D.

Yasser Arafat [signed]

President of the State of Palestine

Chairman of the Executive Committee of PLO

President of the Palestinian National Authority



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