

DECLARATION OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH

DESIRING to consolidate and strengthen the friendly ties and reciprocal understanding between the Parties.

WISHING to promote the mutual knowledge, experience and understanding of their respective human and development needs in the areas of health services provided for in this Declaration of Intent, by means of friendly cooperation between them;

CONSCIOUS of the importance of international cooperation in the field of health;

CONSIDERING the mutual interest of the Parties in promoting the health at national, provincial, regional and local levels;

WISHING to strengthen the health services in their respective countries;

THE PARTIES HEREBY DECLARE THEIR INTENTION TO :

1. *Strengthen and reinforce cooperation in health services between the Parties by means of:*
 - (a) *technical support on quantitative and qualitative upgrading of health services;*
 - (b) *technical assistance and training in specialized areas such as –*
 - (i) *in the fields of heart -, thoracic- and neuro surgery; and*
 - (ii) *on hospital equipment;*
 - (c) *exchanging information regarding medical legislation and –systems, medical insurance, health administration regulations, planning and research, conferences and primary health care;*
 - (d) *exchanging groups of technical experts and specialist regarding women's health, family planning, school health, nutrition, quality control and administrative and management aspects of health services;*

- (e) training health care personnel in the fields of environmental health, safety and health nutrition, epidemics, epidemic diseases, community medicine, family medicine, infectious diseases and primary health care; and
 - (f) scholarships for postgraduate training in health disciplines.
2. Consult with each other periodically on the progress made regarding cooperation in the above-mentioned areas of health services.
 3. Work towards a specific agreement in the immediate future which shall include all the relevant areas of future cooperation and that this will form the framework for durable cooperation between the Parties.

Signed at Cape Town on this eleventh
..... day of August 19 98.....

in the English language.

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT
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