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Mr. Nader Al Khatib

Director of WEDO - Friends of the Earth Middle Earth
Bethlehem - Palestine

RE: Support for the development of a Master Plan for the Lower Jordan River

Dear Nader Khatib,

The Palestinian Water Authority welcomes WEDO/FoEME's efforts in water and environmental issues. In reference to the above mentioned subject, The Palestinian Water Authority would like to support the idea of development of a master plan for the lower part of the Jordan River. This support letter will be highly restricted to the following commitments:

- 1- The Palestinian Water Authority will take the main role with the international assistance in the preparation this master plan with close coordination with WEDO/FoEME's.
- 2- The proposed master plan should be developed with respect to the Palestinian Water Authority vision that will be based on the historical Palestinian water rights on Jordan River and the fact that Palestinians are one of the main riparian parts of Jordan River and they have the right to get access to it.
- 3- The proposed Master plan should address the main causes behind the existing catastrophic situation of the Jordan River from quantity and quality dimensions and who will hold the historical and legal responsibility for this deterioration in the River Jordan.

Based on the above mentioned points, Palestinian Water Authority will be committed and fully supportive to the development of a comprehensive Master Plan for the Lower Jordan River

Sincerely,

Dr. Shadad Attili

Minister of Water

Head of the Palestinian Water Authority

