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The Government of Germany and UNDP/PAPP Inaugurate a Leading Private Public Vocational Training Initiative

Jerusalem, June 8, 2006 – Mr. Ranau, German Representative to the PA, Mrs. Angelika Pradel, Head of the German Development Cooperation, Mr. Mattias Schlund, Director of KfW and Mr. Jens Toyberg Frandzen, UNDP special Representative, accompanied by Mr. Eckhard Emmel, Director of DED and Mr. Becker from GTZ will mark the completion of the Mercedes Benz vocational training centre on Thursday, June 7, at 10:00 am.

The project, funded by the Government of Germany through KfW under EGP III for the amount of €85,000, and implemented by UNDP/PAPP, includes the completion of finishing works in the Mercedes Benz Service Garage in Beit Sahour. The works cover completing the training room, bathrooms, showers, kitchen, & Office. In addition to opening up 10 bays, two of which will be used as garages for the Ministry of Labor's training center and installing doors.

The project, considered to be the first of its kind, complements a Public and Private Partnership (PPP) between Dymler/Chrysler and GTZ (German Technical Cooperation) where Dymler/Chrysler will donate automotive training equipment to the Palestinian Ministry of Labor, and GTZ will provide technical support in the training programmes developed by the Ministry of Labor.

To date, the Government of Germany has funded a total of 5 Employment Generation Programmes through KfW and implemented by UNDP/PAPP, totaling €58,058,899. The diverse range of projects have included the rehabilitation or creation of water, sewage and road networks; sports facilities; youth clubs; women's centers; health clinics; kindergartens; vocational training centers; and hospitals.

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