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The Deficit in Current Account is USD 775 Million of the Palestinian Balance of Payments – Second Quarter 2022

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) announced the preliminary results of the Palestinian Balance of Payments (BoP) for the second quarter of 2022 under the joint issuance cycle. It should be noted that the data excludes those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israeli occupation in 1967.

The deficit in trade balance of goods is the main reason behind the current account deficit

An incessant deficit in the Current Account (goods, services, income, current transfers) which totaled USD 775 million. Mainly triggered by the deficit of the Trade Balance of Goods, which reached USD 1,936 million, as well as the deficit in Services Balance, which amounted to USD 380 million.

The compensations of employees working in Israel are the main reason behind the income account surplus

The surplus in Income Account (compensations of employees and investments income) amounted to USD 953 million. This surplus was due to compensations of the employees working in Israel, which reached USD 917 million. As for the received investments income, it amounted to USD 67 million; and was mainly caused by the income received on the portfolio investments abroad, in addition to the interest received on the Palestinian deposits in banks abroad.

The current transfers from abroad to other (non-government) sectors are the main reason behind the current transfers surplus

The Current Transfers achieved a surplus value amounted to USD 588 million. where the current transfers for the government sector constituted 17% of the total transfers from abroad, while the percentage of the transfers to other sectors reached 83%. The donors' current transfers constituted 13% of total transfers from abroad.

The preliminary results showed a surplus value for the Capital and Financial Account amounted to USD 1 billion, the surplus in the Capital and Financial Account was mainly caused by the surplus in Financial Account which amounted to USD 901 million. There was a

decrease in the reserve assets at PMA amounted to USD 34 million, compared to a decrease of USD 9 million in the previous quarter.

It is worth mentioning that the Balance of Payments (BoP) is used to determine the economic position of a country compared to other countries worldwide, and to calculate the size of its external debt. This data enables researchers and decision makers to devise informed economic policies and development plans to improve their external balance to guarantee the stability of the state and sustain the economic growth. BoP data was prepared according to the latest international recommendations taking into account the specificity of the Palestinian situation.

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Table 1: Balance of Payments In Palestine* for the first and second quarters 2022

(Value in million USD)

<i>Indicator</i>	Q1- 2022	Q2- 2022
Current account (net)	-623	-775
Goods (net)	-1,810	-1,936
Exports (fob)	622	601
Imports (fob)	2,432	2,537
Services (net)	-347	-380
Exports	239	231
Imports	586	611
Income (net)	987	953
Receipts	1,034	997
Compensation of employees	965	930
<i>Of which from Israel</i>	<i>952</i>	<i>917</i>
Investment income	69	67
Payments	47	44
Current transfers (net)	547	588
Inflows	642	682
To the government sector	88	114
<i>of which from Donors transfers</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>61</i>
To the other sectors	554	568
<i>of which from Donors transfers</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>25</i>
Outflows	95	94
Capital and financial account (net)	514	1000
Capital account (net)	103	99
Capital transfers (net)	103	99
Inflows	103	99
To the government sector	12	25
<i>of which from Donors transfers</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>25</i>
To the other sectors	91	74
Outflows	0	0
Acquisition / disposal of non-Produced, non-financial assets non-financial assets (net)	0	0

Table 1 (Cont.): Balance of Payments In Palestine* for the first and second quarters 2022

(Value in million USD)

Indicator	Q1- 2022	Q2- 2022
Financial account (net)**	411	901
Foreign Direct investment (net)	106	108
Change in investment abroad (net)	5	8
Change in investment in Palestine (net)	101	100
Foreign Portfolio investment (net)	17	157
Change in Assets (net)	-1	100
Change in Liabilities (net)	18	57
Foreign Other investment (net)	279	602
Change in Assets (net)	290	659
<i>Of which Currency and deposits***</i>	<i>339</i>	<i>652</i>
Change in Liabilities (net)	-11	-57
<i>Of which Loans nonresidents</i>	<i>-4</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>Of which Currency and deposits****</i>	<i>-9</i>	<i>-93</i>
Net errors and omissions	109	-225
Overall balance	-9	-34
Financing	9	34
Exceptional financing	0	0
Change in Reserve assets (- = Increase/+ = decrease)	9	34

*The data excludes those part of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israeli occupation in 1967.

** Include reserve assets.

***Currency and deposits: Including the cash of foreign currency in the banks and the deposits of the Palestinian institutions deposited abroad.

****Currency and deposits: Includes the deposits of non-residents deposited in Local banks.