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## Esteemed Bethlehem Development Foundation,

The Bethlehem Development Foundation is an inspiring model and pioneer in hard work which encompasses all sectors of the Palestinian society, institutions, ministries, local government bodies, civil society, and holds a national goal destined for the advancement of the governorate of Bethlehem by preserving its religious character and human civilization while addressing the needs and aspirations of all residents of this province.

The founders of this initiative were determined to mobilize various sectors in pursuit of promoting developmental projects vital for achieving sustainable development and revitalization of the national economy such as promoting tourism, where Bethlehem in particular, has always been a magnet for tourists and pilgrims, thus encouraging investment environment.

The initiative to develop Bethlehem is a natural expansion of the endeavours of all of our governmental institutions as well as the civil society, but also the goal of the Palestinian people in upgrading the city's infrastructure and strengthening its position in the history of mankind, a message to the world to stress the determination of our people to progress, construction and effective contribution to cultural and religious heritage.

I am confident that the successes achieved by this initiative are invaluable. I call upon our friends and investors Palestinians, Arabs and philanthropists from all over the world to grant all support and to assist the Palestinian people to achieve prosperity and progress leading to an independent viable Palestinian State, with full assurance to the right of worship and religious freedom to all its inhabitants and visitors.

Rami Hamdallah

Prime Minister

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