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Mr. Samer Khoury
Chairman of Board of Trustees
Bethlehem Development Foundation Bethlehem



**Subject: Endorsement for Bethlehem Development Foundation
(BDF)**

In my capacity as Minister of Tourism and Antiquities of Palestine, I am pleased to endorse the achievements and objectives of the Bethlehem Development Foundation, which aims to improve the quality of living of the local communities in Bethlehem and to enrich the quality of experience for locals and international visitors.

I value the great results of BDF'S highly accomplished project, especially the Manger Square Rehabilitation and Beautification Project as well as the Solid Waste Management Project, which aimed at preserving cultural heritage sites and improving the infrastructure and tourism facilities. These projects have led us to fully support this foundation.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the founders and board members of BDF and highlight my appreciation for the commendable efforts they are making towards Palestine and Bethlehem in particular.

With this endorsement, I therefore expect that all local and international organizations will help support projects and initiatives presented by BDF.

Sincerely,

Rula Ma'ayah
Minister of Tourism and Antiquities

