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COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH CARE

BETWEEN

**PALESTINE NATIONAL AUTHORITY HEALTH MINISTRY
JERUSALEM PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION
“VENTO DI TERRA” ONLUS ASSOCIATION
&
SAN PAOLO HOSPITAL TRUST IN MILAN**

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PREAMBLE.

Living conditions in Palestine occupied territories, and particularly in refugee camps, can be considered dramatical from a sanitary and hygienic point of view.

Unicef and OMS reports point out, starting from 2001, a steady worsening in health indexes and quality of life.

Today in Cisjordan one juvenile every three is undernourished and a continuous increasing in infant mortality rate is registered. It is to be noticed that 28,6 per cent of Palestinians living the above mentioned area and in Gaza is under eleven.

Moreover the block of the territories is making reaching Israel hospitals very hard, even for patients in the most critical health conditions.

On the other side, it is commonly admitted that Cisjordanian Health is inadequate, so it becomes necessary to send patients abroad, in Italy, above all young patients affected by serious illnesses or traumas that could not be treated and cured in loco.

With reference to the above introduction, the Parties, aware of the usefulness of international cooperation in some medical areas such as paediatrics, maxillo-facial surgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology , dialysis and in the field of disabled medical assistance, intend to reach a bilateral agreement and offer Palestinian medical staff professional formation, in order to improve the quality and efficiency of Public Health Service for the population, in accordance with the international laws and with Regione Lombardia Resolution n. VII/17963 del 28.6.2004,

It is here agreed as follows:

ART.1 – Responsible Performers:



The parties in charge, below named “parties” are:

Palestinian Party

- Palestinian Ministry of Health
- East Jerusalem Palestinian Physicians Association

Italian Party

- Rozzano (Milano) “Vento di Terra” Association
- San Paolo National Hospital Trust-University Pole (below named San Paolo)

ART.2 – Purposes of the Agreement:

The agreement aims at a cooperation in the field of paediatrics, maxillo-facial surgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology , dialysis and disableds medical assistance, in order to increase the level of public health service till now available for Palestinian children.

Forecast activities are

- Contribution to professional training of medical staff specialized in the above disciplines, centered on diagnosis and therapy techniques.
- Contribution to professional training for medical and nursing staff in the rehabilitative treatment of seriously disabled patients.
- Consultations for Palestinian physicians offered by Italian specialists about clinical cases falling into the above described scientific subjects.

ART. 3 – Activities description:

- Stages organization in San Paolo-University Pole Departments adressed to professors coming from Palestinian hospitals and to the members of the Palestinian Physician Association. Such stage will be on paediatrics, maxillo-facial surgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, dialysis and treatment of disability.
 - Organization, in Palestine, of the cure of particularly ill patients, through visits, operations or consultations offered by Italian and Palesti – nian specialists well acknowledged in the new medical methodologies.
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- Visits and eventually medical assistance for Palestinian children belonging to deputations in “The Peace Field” of Rozzano (Milano).

ART.4 – Duties:

The Palestinian Health Ministry

- Provides up to date data about local sanitary context
- Assists and supports the Italian partner working in Palestine
- Supplies the Italian partner with material means, spaces and necessary expertises to held meetings and seminars
- Trains professors and physicians who are going to stage in San Paolo Hospital
- Organizes, together with San Paolo Hospital, Italian-Palestinian seminars on the newest techniques in the treatment of pathologies in the various medical sectors involved
- Elaborates and updates, in cooperation with trained specialists coming back from the stages in Italy, apprehended therapy and operating methodologies, so as to share information with other Palestinian physicians and train them too
- Cooperates to the training of specialized medical and nursing staff getting in touch with modern methodologies about the surgical and rehabilitative therapies involved in the agreement.

“Vento di Terra” Association

- Supports the development of the relationship between the two counterparts
 - Is in charge of the coordination and supervision for the Italian party and facilitates the correct application of the agreement
 - In collaboration with the Palestinian Health Ministry helps medical staff and young Palestinian patients when going through all due formalities in order to gain a visa, and organizes journey and stay of Palestinian hosts in the Italian Republic.
The same assistance is guaranteed to the Italians going to Palestine
 - Meets the costs, including journey and accommodation (board and
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lodging) for the deputations composed of children coming from refugee camps in East Jerusalem and at the moment taking part to the “Peace Camps” in Rozzano (Milano)

- Bears journey and accommodation costs for Palestinian physicians whom is given hospitality to at “Casa dell’Olmo” in Rozzano (Mi) and who will attend stages in San Paolo Hospital structure.

San Paolo Hospital – University Pole

- Organizes stages dedicated to Palestinian physicians on paediatrics, maxillo-facial surgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, dialysis and approach and treatment of severe disabilities.
The costs for these activities will be totally met by “Vento di Terra” Association .
- Visits and treats children coming from East Jerusalem refugee camps, about 15 every year. These children will partake in “Peace Camps” belonging to “Vento di Terra” ONLUS Association in Rozzano (Milano)
- Cooperates with Palestinian Health Ministry and Palestinian Physician Association in the training of Palestinian medical staff so to spread scientific knowledges and allow people to be cured also in Palestine when affected by illnesses pertaining the involved medical branches.

ART.5 – Adjustments or changings in the agreement terms:

Should news requirements be needed, the parties undertake to reach a common new settlement., rearranging the content of the agreement, with the exemption of the exercising of the right to cancel the agreement, according to the law , and with due notice to the other parties.

ART.6 – Disputes and divergences:

The involved parties undertake to approve a new agreement and to contribute to the solutions of doubts or in case of rising of queries about the carrying out and interpretation of the present agreement.

The present agreement comes into effect since the date of its signing and will last for three years.



In case no new agreement is reached, all issues, disputes and requests originating from the present agreement, including its completion, breach or invalidity, will be submitted to the National and International Board of Arbitration in Milan.

ART.7 – Terms:

The agreement comes into effect since the date of its signing and will last for three years.

The agreement has been signed in the city of Milan (Italian Republic) on 200 , in three originals, both in Italian and English , each original having the same legal value.

In case of controversial interpretation the English version is to be considered to be the valid one.

SIGNED:

“Vento di Terra” Association Chairman
dr. Massimo Annibale Rossi

(signature and date)

Palestinian Physician Association Chairman
dr. Adel Misk



(signature and date)

San Paolo Hospital Trust – University Pole
General Manager
dott. Giuseppe Catarisano

(signature and date)

Palestinian National Authority Health Ministry

(signature and date)

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