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## **Press Release**

### **Italian Pharmaceutical Support for the population of Gaza Strip**

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Italian Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E Lapo Pistelli currently visiting Jerusalem and Palestine, met with Gerald Rockenstaub, WHO Head of Office. On that occasion, H.E Lapo Pistelli, along with the Consul General of Italy in Jerusalem, Davide La Cecilia, announced the delivery of 3.2 tons of pharmaceuticals for an approximate value of 36.000,00 Euro.

The medicines have been donated by Italian Pharmaceutical Companies through AIFA - Italian National Agency for Drugs - to the Hospitals of Gaza in response to the existing humanitarian needs, as a result of an Italian public-private partnership.

The Vice Minister Lapo Pistelli said that the donation is part of a wider Emergency Aid Plan for the most needed people of Gaza, in line with the Italian commitment announced at the Cairo Conference. For the same purpose, Italy has approved a 1 million Euro contribution to UNRWA's activities in Jabalia Camp (Gaza), a 4.1 million Euro as voluntary contribution to the Agency core budget. Italy also approved 1 million Euro to UNRWA for humanitarian assistance and 500.000 Euro to UNICEF's activities in favor of Yarmouk Palestinian Refugee Camp.

*“Italy is deeply concerned for the humanitarian situation in Gaza and is willing to offer tangible signs of solidarity to the Palestinian people”* said the Vice Minister. *“Additional resources will be devoted to social interventions for the Palestinian people, for programs to be implemented by Italian NGOs”.*