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From: Jones, Paul W.
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2025 7:10 AM
To: 'Lenderking, Timothy A' <lenderkingta@state.gov>
Subject: Meeting Request on PA Follow-Up

Dear Tim,

I hope this note finds you well. As I may have mentioned previously, my law firm, Squire Patton Boggs, represents the Palestinian Authority in the U.S. The PA has asked us to be helpful in following up with you concerning the April 8, 2025, letter to Secretary Rubio from Hussein Al-Sheikh regarding social reform measures taken pursuant to the PA's Law Decree No. 4. Among other things, my colleagues and I would like to discuss moving forward with the PA's invitation to the U.S. government to confirm the repeal and replacement of all prior payment programs pursuant to Law Decree No. 4. When we speak, we can share additional details concerning the ways in which the PA proposes to demonstrate how the old payment programs have ended and how the replacement payment process is being implemented in a comprehensive, credible, and transparent way.

Could you please let me know when you are available to speak with my colleagues and me at your earliest convenience, ideally next week? This is a high priority matter for the PA, so we will make ourselves available at your convenience. We can speak by video or phone conference as you prefer.

Many thanks in advance. My colleagues and I look forward to speaking with you.

Best regards,

Paul

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Date: April 8, 2025

**H. E. Mr. Marco Rubio,
United States Secretary of State - Washington DC.**

Dear Mr Secretary ,

Subject: Update on Social Reform in Palestine

We reiterate our appreciation to President Trump for his efforts toward achieving a ceasefire and his commitment to lasting peace.

In addition, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support for peace and stability in the Holy Land, as well as the strong cooperation

between our two countries. Your commitment to justice and peace remains a cornerstone of our relationship.

As part of our broader reform agenda—and in line with President Abbas's letter to President Trump committing to revoke the prisoners payments law—I'm pleased to share that in early 2025, the Palestinian Authority enacted Law Decree No. 4, which centralizes welfare programs and ensures that aid reaches the most vulnerable families in both the West Bank and Gaza without bias.

We are fully committed to implementing this reform and can confirm that the old program has been completely closed. We would gladly welcome a U.S. delegation from July 1st to begin verifying that no payments have been made under the previous framework from June 1st forward.

Finally, Palestinian Authority hopes that this reform, along with other ongoing efforts, will help remove obstacles and pave the way for a normal, constructive relationship with the United States.

Sincerely,
Hussein Al-Sheikh
Secretary General of the Executive Committee
Palestine Liberation Organization