



FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HEBRON AND THE CITY OF GENOA

In Hebron, on the 7th of November, 2009, are present: the City of Hebron, Palestine, here represented by the Mayor of Hebron Khaled Osaily, and the Municipality of Genoa, here represented by the Mayor Marta Vincenzi, in order to sign this Friendship and Cooperation Agreement as the following terms declare:

1. PRECEDENTS

In the International framework, relationships and agreements between Cities have always more importance for the efforts of Cities and local authorities in order to overcome obstacles, to increase and improve economic objectives, to strengthen local democracy and to spur development and welfare.

The Cities of Hebron and Genoa have signed in Genoa on the 17th of February, 2009, a Friendship and Cooperation Agreement in order to promote relationships between the two Cities, allowing the development of possible other programs of sectorial cooperation, in accordance with the law in force in the fields of International Cooperation, school and education, professional training, health, sports, youth and childhood.

2. OBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

At the signing of the above-mentioned Agreement were present representatives of local stakeholders, among which the University of Genoa, the "Associazione Industriali" and the IRIDE S.p.a Company.

In virtue of these previous contacts, some bilateral relationships, that have provided the achievement of concrete programmes of development, have been developed.

In the particular sector of collaboration between public utilities and companies, some occasions of comparison between different institutional stakeholders have occurred and, by virtue of these contacts has been highlighted the necessity of intervention and collaboration in the field of management of water resources and waste water, in which

the Municipality of Genoa, thanks to the leading position of the Company IRIDE S.p.a, turned out to be the ideal partner.

On this purpose, the Municipality of Hebron has shown its willing of setting up a partnership in order to develop a project on integrated water service to be presented in the field of Palestinian Municipalities Program funded by the Foreign Ministry- Italian Cooperation.

During this planning step, a real sharing of purposes and objectives among the possible involved subjects is fundamental.

3. ENGAGEMENT OF THE PARTIES

Hebron and Genoa agree to involve themselves in the definition of the project and the preparation of the relevant bid to apply for the financial contribution, in order to achieve the aim.

The Municipality of Genoa relies on the collaboration of IRIDE S.p.a for all that concerns the achievement of the aims mentioned in this Agreement.

4. COMMISSION OF COORDINATION

For the development of the Friendship Agreement, the Parties agree that the "Cabinet of the Mayor Office", for the City of Hebron, and the "Unità Organizzativa Gabinetto del Sindaco", for the City of Genoa, will coordinate the development of the present Agreement.

5. EXPIRATION

This Agreement will come into force from the date of the signing.

This document has been drawn up in Hebron, the 7th November, 2009, in English and Italian language. Both texts are identical and have the same legal value.

Conform to what has been exposed, the present Agreement is signed in the City of Hebron, the 7th November, 2009.

Municipality of Hebron

The Mayor

Khaled Osaily

Municipality of Genoa

The Mayor

Marta Vincenzi

