

**Intervention by State of Palestine before SBI opening  
Monday November 07, 2016**

Dear Mr. Co chair of SBI

Dear Executives Secretary

Dear colleagues

Good afternoon,

I just want to bring this issue to your attention regarding accessing GEF resources.

As you well aware, Palestine joined UNFCCC on 17 March 2016, signed and ratified Paris Agreement on 22 April 2016. The president was chairing the Palestinian delegation on COP21 and in NY ceremony, sending a strong message of CC serious impact on Palestine and Palestinians.

In this short period, record achievements were done: finalization of INCR including GHG inventory , Mitigation plan till 2040, NAP till 2030 , NDC is currently under preparation.

So far , Palestine is left behind even after these achievements and this ambitious vision and plans. We are facing problems in accessing international support towards means of implementation including: Finance, Technology Transfer and Capacity Building.

We started communication with GEF in early July to prepare the 2<sup>nd</sup> NCR and BUR with no response so far what so ever.

It is expected from such multilateral funding mechanisms to secure every possible support to enable developing country parties of the convention to be able to respond actively, effectively and appropriately to CC and its consequences. In addition, to be able to respond to obligations of reporting to the convention: NCR, BUR ,....in addition to being able to plan and implements these plans.

We are looking for your support and kindly requesting this to be transferred to the attention of the COP requesting their guidance to GEF and other implementing agencies not to exclude any none annex I eligible party from accessing available resources, and receiving proper support to implement climate ambitious actions.

NO ONE SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND is the commitment that we all shouldered and shared. We should ensure that Palestine and Palestinian People who are severely suffering from the impact of climate change are not left behind.

Palestine special circumstance by being the only party to the convention under occupation must be recognized and receives much attention and support, otherwise, our hard efforts for the last couple of years, our calls for our leadership towards active engagement in the process will be very disappointing and will be read in a negative manner.

I thank you.