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**Palestinian National Authority
Anti-Smoking Law No. 25 of 2005**

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization
President of the Palestinian National Authority

Upon perusal of the Amended Basic Law of 2003, the Tobacco Law No. 22 of 1921 applicable in the Gaza Strip governorates, the Tobacco Law No. 32 of 1952 applicable in the West Bank governorates, Resolution No. 158 of 1995 regarding the establishment of the General Authority for the Importation and Distribution of Tobacco and Tobacco Products, and based on the Palestinian Legislative Council approval on its session dated 5 January 2005, and in the name of the Arab Palestinian people, we have decreed the following Law:

The following words and phrases set forth in this Law shall have the meanings designated therefore below unless the context indicates otherwise:

Ministry: Ministry of Health
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Public Place: The public place with no ventilation to let the air in except through specific windows, such as the schools, universities, hospitals, clubs, restaurants, meeting rooms, and showrooms...etc. Public transportation and any places specified by the Ministry shall be deemed as public places.

Tobacco: All types of tobacco prepared for smoking in any way whatsoever such as cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco and the like.

Article 2

This Law aims to combat tobacco smoking in public places to protect public health and the environment.

Article 3

In cooperation with the competent entities, the Ministry shall:

1. Work on combating smoking
2. Support the institutions working on combating smoking
3. Promote awareness about the risks of smoking
4. Supervise the extent of the compliance of local and imported tobacco with the specifications and standards set out in the regulations issued under the law.
5. Establish specialized centers to help smokers quit smoking.

Article 4

It shall be prohibited to smoke any type of the types of tobacco in public places.

Article 5

Smoking shall be prohibited in the yards of schools and nursery schools.

Article 6

It shall be prohibited to sell, distribute, offer, or advertise tobacco for persons below 18 years of age.

Article 7

It shall be prohibited to import, export, produce, or offer tobacco for sale unless it conforms to the approved specifications and standards.

Article 8

1. Each tobacco package whether its locally produced or imported must indicate the percentage of nicotine and tar or any other materials specified by the Ministry
2. The health warnings specified by the Ministry regarding health risks shall be affixed on the packages. The warning area shall not be less than 20% of the package's front side.
3. The provisions of this article shall be applicable on all tobacco packages prepared for sale or consumption.

Article 9

It shall be prohibited to import, sell, or manufacture items that resemble tobacco including sweets and toys made in the form of tobacco products.

Article 10

It shall be prohibited to place tobacco vending machines in public places.

Article 11

It shall be prohibited to prepare, print, present, or hang any advertisement for the purposes of publicizing or promoting tobacco.

Article 12

Any person who violates the provisions of articles 6,7,8,9,10, and 11 of this Law shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and/or by a fine of not less than 200 Dinars and not more than 1000 Dinars or the equivalent in the currency legally in circulation. Further, a ruling shall be issued to confiscate the tobacco and tobacco vending machines and such ruling may include the closing of the factory or store where the crime was seized.

Article 13

Any person who violates the provisions of articles 4 and 5 of this Law shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one week and/or by a fine of not less than 20 Dinars and not more than 100 Dinars or the equivalent in the currency legally in circulation.

Article 14

All fines received and money confiscated under this Law shall be transferred to the public treasury of the State.

Article 15

The Cabinet shall, based on the Minister's recommendation, issue the regulations required to enforce the provisions of this Law.

Article 16

Any provision that contradicts the provisions of this Law shall be revoked.

Article 17

All the competent authorities, each in its own jurisdiction, shall enforce the provisions of this Law. This Law shall come into effect thirty days after the date of publication thereof in the official Gazette.

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