

Law by Decree No. 13 of 2014 AD
On the Amendment of the Anti-Corruption Law No. 1 of 2005 AD

The President of the State of Palestine,
The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation,

In reference of the provisions of the Amended Basic Law of 2003 AD and its Amendments, particularly Article (43) thereunder;

Having reviewed the Law of the Judicial Authority No. (1) of 2002 AD;

Having reviewed the Law on the Formation of Regular Courts No. (5) of 2001 AD and its Amendments;

The Law of Penal Procedure No. (3) of 2001 AD; and

The Anti-Corruption Law No. (1) of 2005 AD and its Amendments;

Based upon the powers vested in me;

In realisation of the public interest; and

In the name of the Arab Palestinian people,

I hereby promulgate the following Law by Decree:

Article (1)

Paragraph (1) of Article (16) under the Amended Anti-Corruption Law shall be amended so as to become as follows:

“By a decision from the High Judicial Council based upon a request from the Chairman of the Commission, a specialised court panel shall be established to consider cases of corruption crimes wherever they occur. It shall convene under presidency of a judge in the degree of the President of a Court of First Instance or a judge, who presides it by a decision from the High Judicial Council or is delegated to preside it from among judges of the Court of Appeals. Its membership shall include two judges, whose degrees are not less than a judge at a Court of First Instance.”

Article (2)

All that contradicts the provisions of this Law by Decree shall be repealed.

Article (3)

This Law by Decree shall be presented to the Legislative Council in the first session it convenes for approval.

Article (4)

All the competent authorities – each one within its sphere of jurisdiction – shall implement the provisions of this Law by Decree, which shall enter into force as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Promulgated in the city of Ramallah on June 12th, 2014 *Anno Domini*, corresponding to Sha’ban 14th, 1435 *Anno Hegira*.

Mahmoud Abbas
President of the State of Palestine
Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation