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### European Commission Announces €64 Million for UNRWA Annual Budget

Gaza – Today the European Commission (EC) announced a donation of €64 million to the United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA), for its annual budget.

The funds will support UNRWA's general programming in the areas of education, health, relief and social services in the Agency's five fields of operation: the Gaza Strip and West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

Karen Abu Zayd, UNRWA's Commissioner-General, welcomed the European Union's latest donation: "We are grateful for the European Union's timely contribution to UNRWA's 2006 regular budget. It will enable UNRWA to continue to deliver critically needed humanitarian services to Palestine refugees without interruption."

The European Commission is UNRWA's primary contributor and has always been supportive of UNRWA's activities, often through contributions towards specific projects, such as the improvement of education for Palestine refugees and shelter rehabilitation. The European Commission is also a generous supporter of UNRWA's Emergency Appeal for the most vulnerable and at-risk refugees in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

The European Commission's contributions to UNRWA in 2005 amounted to €95,5 million

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