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UNRWA establishes post of Senior Regional Representative

Gaza – Peter Ford, a British career diplomat, has assumed the newly created post of Senior Regional Representative for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). Mr. Ford was appointed to the Amman-based post on November 1.

Commenting on his appointment, Karen AbuZayd, UNRWA's Commissioner-General, said: "It is my wish for UNRWA to widen and deepen its partnership with the countries of the region. Mr. Ford brings many years of experience to this new and important posting."



Traditionally, UNRWA's main partners have been Western countries and institutions.

However in light of vastly increased demands for its services, UNRWA is now embarking on a major effort to diversify its range of partnerships, as well as to deepen existing relationships within the region.

A British national, Mr. Ford's extensive diplomatic experience includes three years as British Ambassador to Syria (2003-6) and four years as British Ambassador to Bahrain (1999-2003.) Prior to these appointments, Mr. Ford served in Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Lebanon, as well as France and Singapore.

Mr. Ford is fluent in Arabic, French and Spanish. He holds a Master's degree in modern languages from Oxford University in Great Britain.

With headquarters in Gaza and Amman, UNRWA is a relief and human development agency, providing education, healthcare, social services and emergency aid to over 4.3 million refugees living in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

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