

The text of the letter of commissioning from President Abbas to Hanieh, February 9 2007

Mr. Ismail Abdul Salam Hanieh,

Greetings,

In our capacity as Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and President of the PNA and after reviewing the Basic Law and based on the authorities vested in us:

First: I commission you to form the next Palestinian government within the set period as stipulated in the Basic Law.

Second: after concluding the formation of the government and presenting it to us, the government will be presented to the PLC to get the confidence vote.

Third: I call upon you as PM of the next government to abide by the interests of the Palestinian people and to preserve their rights and maintain their accomplishments and develop them and work on achieving their national goals as ratified by the resolutions of the PNC meetings and the Basic Law articles and the national conciliation document and the Arab summits resolutions and based on this, I call upon you to respect the Arab and international legitimacy resolutions and the agreements signed by the PLO.

May God help you in your steps and duties.

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