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## **Statement**

### **Israeli Palestinian Science Organization**

On the occasion of the November 2006 Annual Meeting of the Israeli-Palestinian Science Organization (IPSO) we, the members of IPSO's International Scientific Council, note with considerable satisfaction the receipt of 71 proposals for joint scientific research between Palestinian and Israeli scientists, engineers, health professionals, and scholars who wish to work together.

In addition to its goal of promoting and funding joint research, IPSO encourages and supports quality education of Palestinian students and researchers—an essential element in securing a stable and economically viable society. Because of its desire to create a science-based bridge of goodwill, cooperation and dialogue, IPSO joins Israeli university rectors and professors in opposing the ban that prohibits residents from the Palestinian Authority areas from entering Israel to study or reaching the institutions of education in PA areas. We also call on the Israeli security authorities to allow academically qualified students, on an individual basis, to study in Israel.

IPSO endorses the October 31, 2006, statement by the Council of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities that calls on the Israeli government to "refrain from instituting any policy that hinders any group of scientists or academics, whether Palestinian or otherwise, from properly discharging their academic responsibilities."

Lastly, we urge the international scientific and scholarly community to support IPSO's goals of promoting high-quality research, advancing training in all areas of science and learning and forthrightly opposing obstructions to academic freedom worldwide, including boycotts, moratoria and arbitrary or sweeping access restrictions on students and academics to universities and research institutions. We must all actively promote favorable conditions for all to meet and work together in a safe, equitable and productive environment.