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Introduction

The year 2004 together with the developments achieved in the content and work trends have formed an important phase with a meaning and strategic connotation in the course and life of the union, and the most outstanding achievements are:

- 1- The enhancement of the developing communal and national legitimacy of the union with the realization of its legal legitimacy and its registration and obtaining a license, which has decisively ended the raised and fabricated controversy from some bodies about the credibility and the legitimacy of the representation of the farmers by PFU and towards the deep-rooted presence of the union and its position in the Palestinian developmental, unionist , and community equation.
- 2- More maturation and crystallization of the elements and constituents of continuity and communication, especially the elements and mechanisms of self-reliance that are not mortgaged to external finance.
- 3- More crystallization and clarity of the main Association Programmes, and the crystallization of the two main dimensions in the Association work , namely the unionist and co-operative dimensions.
- 4- Transference of work with farmers from the phase of identifying the organized collective self and the rights related to it to the actual work phase in order to realize the rights of this collective self, and this was reflected by a group of protesting pressuring activities.
- 5- Expansion and increasing presence of the Association at the level of external relationships , and the growing of its credibility with regard to its relationship with the financing institutions or in the framework of the associations and the international anti-global networks.

Thus the year 2004 witnessed the transference of the Association from touching the surface of the phenomena and events in the life of the farmers and the rural situation in general to the penetration into the depth of this situation and the stimulation , charging and urging its mechanisms to take its role and accomplish their demands.

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The Political , Economic and Social Situation

The previous year 2004 was marked by a series of significant events and turning-points. In addition to the continued , comprehensive , bloody and destructive Israeli aggression against our Palestinian People under the leadership and administration of the Rightist Government of Israel , and its insistence to accelerate the completion of the colonial Wall , despite of the persistent intensified international rejection and condemnation which was crowned by the decision of the High Court at the Hague , the death of President Arafat and its internal and external repercussions and its effects on the Conflict course in the region , was the most outstanding event . It has resulted in putting all the Conflict elements in the region and its regional and international extensions before the challenges dues of the new situation . At the Palestinian internal situation, the absence of Arafat has formed the end of a phase and the commencement of a new one in the course of the Palestinian national struggle and in the general, Palestinian political scene.

The ensuing dues have been reflected in a smooth , peaceful transference of the authority , preparation for the presidential , legislative elections , coping with the burden of institutional re-construction on new democratic participant basis and to preclude the disintegration of the Palestinian , national , social cohesion , and to confront the challenges of the continued Israeli aggression.

With regard to the Israeli Policy, the new phase has provided numerous opportunities, expectations, and primarily a bet on the cohesion of the Palestinian, internal front and exploiting the rising situation in order to annihilate the entire Palestinian Project. Against this, the new phase involved threats to Israeli Policy and the increase of international pressure on Israel to react positively within the framework of the international will with the new situation requirements which moved the Israeli Policy to act in advance and put forward Sharon's Scheme of withdrawal from Gaza unilaterally in an attempt to mislead the public opinion and to circumvent the development and extension of the international attitude that supports the Palestinian rights.

In its continued challenge to the international will , its rejection to comply to its resolutions calling for withdrawal from the occupied Palestinian Lands in 1967 , the establishment of an independent , sovereign state with East Jerusalem as its capital , finding a just solution of the Refugee question , and the discontinuation of its savage aggression upon our people , the Israeli Government depends on the entire , unlimited support of the American Administration which has destroyed the international life and stability and dwarfed the international will and its organizations , cancelled their reference , and submitted it to the American legislative will with the utmost hostility which is represented in an alliance among Zionist Christianity , the Pentagon , and the colossal companies (The New Conservatives).

This atmosphere and support is the thing that feeds the continuation of the aggressive policy of the Rightist Government in Israel despite the deep Crisis that this policy has incurred and as a result of the continued steadfastness of our people and its determination to realize all its national rights in spite of the destruction caused by this continued aggression which has affected the most tiny aspect of our people's life and

reached catastrophic levels as the unemployment rate reached nearly 32% in 2004 , and the poverty rate reached nearly 65%.

Also the Gross local Production has dropped 50% . The direct and indirect losses of the Palestinian economy till the end of 2004 have reached more them (13) billion dollars.

The Palestinian agricultural sector (being one of the important tributaries of the Palestinian economy , which employs 16% of the labors force , and still contains the numerous mechanisms and elements of the continuation of the Palestinian steadfastness) is still exposed to a concentrated bloody , destructive policy of the Israeli occupation .

There has been an extensive damage of houses , plants , agricultural lands , the infrastructure , uprooting trees , destruction of irrigation systems, killing cattle and the confiscation of hundreds of thousands of dunums such that the direct loss of the agricultural sector has amounted to (till the end of 2004) a billion , and two-hundred million American dollars. The process is still continuing and its outstanding feature is resulting from the racist separation wall which caused the confiscation of vast areas of The West Bank and Gaza Strip so that the remaining area to realize the Palestinian National Schem will be nearly 42% of the West Bank and Gaza Strip areas.. Also the policy of closure and the permanent barriers, the curfew (converting the West Bank into cantons) has destroyed the remaining opportunities of the simplest life requirements. It has encircled the Palestinian populations within closed, narrow circles which has had deep negative effects on the social life and on all the social tissue.

This resulting confinement has resulted in great difficulties in the process of marketing the agricultural produce and in all the agricultural production process . Whose basis is the land. A lot of farmers have lost their lands or have been separated from their land. It has also become impossible to ensure the entry of the basic agricultural production and this has affected the quality and quantity of production.

Despite the continuation and aggravation of this Situation, and for the purpose of contribution to reinforce the components of the steadfastness of the farmers and the agricultural sector in general and backed by the efforts and creative collective energies of the farmers and peasants, the programmes of the Association have been revived and activated as well as all its various activities.

The Most Outstanding Achievements in 2004

- 1) At the organizational and administrative level , PFU has succeeded to obtain a license from the interior Ministry of the Palestinian National Authority under No. QR 245A, and it also achieved an increase in the number of the registered Charitable Societies as five societies have been registered so that the number of registered societies has become (17) and also five co-operative societies have been registered so that the number of co-operatives has reached (25) in addition to three other societies in the last stage of registration . Besides , elections of the administrative bodies for more than (21) agricultural groups.
- 2) Due to the importance of self-reliance and raising of the financial resources of the Societies and co-operatives, PFU has continued to encourage the setting up of the Saving and Credit Funds in order to be a Financial Reserve for the members' projects. The number of new created has reached (15) funds during the year so that the total number has become (19) funds , and their savings amounted to (135) thousand dollars.
- 3) For the purpose of preserving the rights and interests of the farmers, members of the Societies and co-operatives, PFU has attached special interest in collecting the Value Added Tax of 17% such that a number of taxation files have been opened (124) and this resulted in returning more than (6) million shekels since the union started this programmed in 1999.
- 4) Issuance of the First National Record for the pioneer farmer in the production of Olive Oil of high quality , and (120) farmers were rewarded and honoured at a final celebration at the end of the olive season in which several personalities and local and foreign institutions have participated , and acknowledgement certificates were given to them.
- 5) With the aim of stirring both the local and world public opinion against the Israeli practices and the building of the colonial wall , PFU has carried out several activities and public struggles including the national campaign to confront the wall , and sending several memorandums and letters to policy-makers concerning the issues related to the farmers' interests.
- 6) In the field of public relations and building communication ties with other unions, the union has made contact with several Arab and international associations in order to create co-ordination and identification mechanisms in order to explain the suffering of the Palestinian farmers and the effect of the Israeli measures on the agricultural process in general.
- 7) Out of a societies faith in the importance of realizing gains and improving its members positions , the union has continued the Health Insurance Program which offers a great service to farmers at the lowest cost as a result of signing contracts with medical institutions and with doctors and pharmacies such that the farmer and his family obtain a good discount which will enable them to take care of their health and will reduce the cost of medical treatment.

- 8) As PFU is careful about the importance of providing the production inputs of high quality at a competitive price in order to reduce the production cost for the farmer and to produce competitive crops , PFU has started through its societies to run the purchasing programs and collective marketing as a beginning develop offering this service regularly.

Due to the importance of agricultural marketing (which is one the most important links of production) , PFU has contributed to marketing a lot of the farmers' produce , for instance , marketing more than (165) tons of olive oil and (20) tons of dates in addition to other crops.

Summary of Achievements at the Level of the Main programmes of 2004.

1) Trading and Capacity-Building Programme :

This program is considered one of the most important programs of the union through which we reach a common understanding to draw up unified, strategic plans and policies which will develop and change the living standards of Palestinian farmer, and it will also raise the farmers and the administrative committees of the farmers' societies the capacity to participate in assisting their needs and the general policies related to the agricultural sector as well as participating in building a democratic , civil community which will participate in building the Palestinian independent State.

This program has stood out in 2004 for its capacity in creating a communication network among farmers of the various societies at the level of the governorates during the training courses in which they had participated. This had allowed them to exchange ideas and experiences and organizing reciprocal visits among themselves in order to convey the practical experiences to a greater number of farmers. PFU also plays the role of activating the components of groups and organizing the farmers in agricultural committees and specialized groups , and will assist the development of the structure of these groups and to obtain the legitimate legal and communal position.

The most important achievements of this Program :

- Building capacity of (30) developmental leaders from the members of the agricultural councils distributed in several areas of the West Bank.
- Training (107) farmers in co-operatives in the field of co-operative issues, especially the collective purchasing and marketing system for the societies, In addition to establishment of a cooperative projects which ensure economical return for farmers.
- Improving the skills of (21) farmers from the voluntary leaders including (5) employees working as field coordinators for PFU in the areas. In cooperation with the agricultural engineers association and PARC through Luxemburg project for capacity building.
- Qualification of (20) farmers from the administrative staffs of farmers in the field of agricultural planning and community need assessment.
- Improving the skills of (24) farmer leaders from different areas in the field of lopping advocacy.
- Improving the skills of (120) farmers in the field of elections and recruiting the public opinion.

- Training (55) men and women farmers in the field of agricultural production (animal and plant) in co-operation with the Engineers Society and the Development society (PARC) within the activities of the Luxembourg Project for Building capacities.
- Deepening the knowledge and understanding of (210) farmers in the institution's culture (PFU) through workshops and seminars organized in several sites and areas in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
- Strengthening the concept of voluntary work for (40) farmers.

2) Marketing and Collective Purchase Programme :

This program aims at stimulating and supporting small farmers in the field of marketing their agricultural produce at the local and world levels through networking them with public commerce institutions and the private sector specialized in marketing the agricultural produce. Also through the program the administrative and technical capacities of farmers are built in order to produce agricultural products of high quality commensurate with the specifications and the criteria recognized locally and internationally and competitive to goods available on the markets with respect to quality that will benefit the farmer financially.

And through this program , the farmers will be able to secure their needs at the lowest prices and the best specifications. This will reduce the production cost and improve its quality , and ultimately will increase the ability of the national product to compete in local and foreign markets.

During 2004 new ideas have been crystallized about the collective work especially what concerns the production of Olive Oil of high quality and its marketing such that the pioneer experiments (which the union adopted as a basic and important entry in assisting the farmers producers of Olive Oil in marketing their produce locally and in the world.

The most important Achievements :

- Facilitating marketing (165) ton of olive oil in external markets in co-ordination with Reef co / PARC and (80) tons in local market.
- Assist in marketing of (20) tons of dates produced by the society for production of dates in foreign markets from high quality Majool variety.
- Holding several reciprocal marketing agreements among co-operative societies in the West Bank such as the Co-operative Society of the Organic oil Producers in Salfet Governorate and Froush Beit Dajan co-operative society for sheep raising , and the Dates Producers Society in Ghor.
- Training (115) farmers from Saida village and Qira village in Tulkarm governorate in the field of producing olive oil of high quality commensurate with the local and world specifications and criteria through co-operation with the Palestinian – French solidarity Society in Southern France (04) and the French Consulate in Jerusalem.
- Data collection about the problems of production and marketing of olive oil in co-operation with a specialized French expert in the production of olive oil supported by the Palestinian – French Solidarity Society in Southern France and the French Consulate in Jerusalem. Also the building of a an infrastructure model for olive oil production of high quality has been supported in Saida village , Tulkarm with a sum of (15) thousand American dollars.

- The formation of (5) branch committees has been encouraged in the governorates (Qalqilia , Salfeet , Jenin , Tulkarm , Hebron) for collective purchase.
 - Six farmer groups and societies have been encouraged to adopt the collective pressing of olive oil in the northern governorates (Farkha village , Qira in Salfeet area , Mazari Al-Noubani and Aroura villages in Ramallah area ,Saida village in Tulkarm area , Kofr Thileth village in Qalqilia area) . The aim of this has been to apply the proverb : (from the tree to the grinding stone) in order to obtain high quality oil (Extra Virgin) the comply with the world specifications related to exports.
 - A number of agricultural societies have run collective purchase units for agricultural production needs and selling them to farmers to reduce purchase cost and creating a permanent services for the farmers .
- 3) **Program for Recovery of the Value Added Tax of 17%** : This program is considered one of the most important programs of lopping advocacy as it assists the farmers (plant production sector) to recover the tax of 17% paid on the agricultural production inputs. The PFU is the only institution running this program. The union has begun to work on this program since 99 and the farmers engaged in it have achieved earnings that exceed (6) million shekels as recovered taxes. This program is based on opening taxation files by the farmers and following them up by the union coordinator and by a legal audit accounting office. In addition to fallow up the taxation departments in order to finish the recovery process very rapidly for farmers. Through co-operation with the UNDP program a project has been carried out for (6) months in (4) areas in the West Bank (Jenin Qalqilia , Bethlehem and Hebron) (11 workshops) was conducted in order to promote the program idea. Moreover to organize training courses (8 courses) in which the farmers capacities have been built administratively and financially (Book-keeping at farm level) to enable them to follow up their farms and managing them effectively.

The most important achievements of this program during the year :

- Promoting the process of recovering the value added tax by more than (1200) farmers in the mentioned areas through contacting the farmers and visiting them at their sites and distributing special pamphlets to them about the program.
- Organizing (11) workshops for awareness in the filed of recovery (Qalqilia, Jenin, Tulkarm, Bethlehem, and Hebron) from which (270) farmers benefited in the mentioned areas.
- Conducting (8) training courses for leading farmers and union coordinators in the areas of the mechanisms of value Added tax Recovery, book-keeping and the farmers management from which (124) farmers and (15) Association co-ordinators benefited.
- Guide for Taxation Recovery has been distributed during the workshops and training courses to the farmers to be a technical reference for them in recovering the taxes and special laws related to them , and also the information necessary for preparing the papers to recover the value added tax.
- Opening (124) new taxation files for the farmers in the areas of Qalqilia, Hebron and Jenin as an introduction to demand recovery, and now the process of taxes recovery is underway in the interest of farmers .
- The recovery from the added tax in Jericho was 1.1 million new shekel for (57) farmers in 2004.

- Special request was sent to concerned institution (Ministry of Finance, Agriculture) to treat the livestock breeders the same as plant production producers in the added value tax recovery right. Not to depend on the Israeli Laws as a reference and not to treat the Palestinian Farmer like his Israeli counterpart concerning the tax recovery especially their production and economic conditions are entirely different.

4. Health Service Program:

In this program, the union supports the farmers and agricultural groups to obtain the various health services, namely the Government Health Insurance and other special health services, through contracting with special health services, doctors and pharmacies in order to obtain a special discount for farmers at diagnosing them or treating them or buying medicines. The number of the service cards has reached (1110) cards for the benefit of 5550 beneficiaries.

The most important achievements of the Health Services Program :

- Dispensing (1110) cards from which (5550) persons benefited in addition to (2214) families which benefited from the government health insurance.
- (230) agreements have been signed with special health institutions and with doctors and pharmacies in the west bank governorates
- (8) free medical days have been organized from which nearly (1500) persons benefited.
- (11) volunteer co-ordinators have been employed in the areas with a stimulating salary in the interest of the programme.

5- The program of building relations, networking , lopping advocacy :

This program aiming to build a relationship network at the local and world levels (Arab and foreign) through joining the farmers world associations and establishing relationships with international institutions to support farmers, and at the local level to co-ordinate with the various sectors especially the local community institutions to support the farmers. Through lopping advocacy on the concerned and government authorities to protect their rights. Also to protect their products from risks and threats.

The Most important achievements of the program area :

- Issuing letters to related ministries (Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Agriculture) about recovery of the value added tax of 17% for the livestock producers In order to treat them as plant production producers to the Palestinian farmers.
- Request and pressure memorandums to president Arafat, the Legislative Council , Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Education in order to insert Agriculture in the school syllabus and to assign a suitable quota for agriculture in the Budget.
- Sending (4) letters to the Minister of the Interior about registering the association of Palestinian farmers societies and also requesting the Interference of the Palestinian Authority in the Terrorists Document question imposed by the financiers (USAID) on institutions to sign it in order to get aids to carry out development projects .

- Participation in enacting the agricultural co-operation Law through organizing a workshop at the headquarters cooperative department in the Ministry of Labour.
- Effective and large Participation in the march of the International Cooperative Day through mobilizing a large numbers of farmers, members of the Association, and preparing posters that reinforce the co-operative work and praise the farmers.
- PFU had organized a demonstration for the farmer's harmed form the frost wave before the Cabinet of Ministers and the Ministry of Agriculture to demand compensating them for the losses they suffered and to demand also of the Ministry of Agriculture and the concerned bodies to set up a fund for catastrophes which befall farmers.
 - The union is a member of the steering Committee of the Mediterranean European Partnership Project of Water (MEDWA).
 - Membership of National Palestinian NGO's network.
 - Membership of National Palestinian Environmental institutions network.
 - Membership of the agricultural marketing committee (Gov..and NGO's).
 - Membership of the national resistance committee to the Apartheid Colonial Wall.
 - Membership of Palestinian (Mersad) for boycotting the Israeli settlements products.
 - PFU is the coordinator for the agricultural programs of French- Palestinian solidarity associations.
 - Membership do International Federation for Agricultural Producers (IFAP)

6- National Activities of Resisting the Wall :

In June 2002, Israel began the second stage of its expansionist, suppressive policy by building a wall inside the West Bank extending all along the West Bank. As is expected the Wall path confiscates the Palestinian Lands including annexing the settlements and encircling the Palestinian Population centers. Unlike the World News reports, The wall (as they call it the fence), the separation wall or deceptively called the Security wall) is not built on the 1967 borderline or what is known as the Green line . The wall in fact is the confiscation of lands and a demarcation line the determines the fate of the occupied lands and Palestine.

The Most Important Activities Against the Wall :-

- PFU is a member of the National Campaign to resist the wall , in addition to participation of union members in all West Bank areas affected by the construction of colonial wall
- PFU participated in organizing and activating the national campaign for the collection of olives in the affected areas by wall and lying near the Israeli settlements and places exposed to the dangers by the settlers and by the Israeli army.
- Several delegations of the Palestinian Farmers Association PFU participated in several seminars about the wall and its effects which destroyed the life of farmers and Palestinian citizens in general in the West Bank where a delegation of the Association visited France twice and participated in various seminars in several cities, and it also visited the United states, Japan, Holland for participation in activities and seminars against the wall .

The Most important national activities of the Union :

- PFU had participated in the lands Day Activities, the world Farmer Day and also participated in the activities of the first of May (Labor Day).
- PFU sent an appeal statement (from Palestine Farmers to world Farmers) to a large number of farmers and agricultural organizations on the occasion of the world Farmer Day.
- PFU participated in the municipal elections (First Phase) and achieved some achievements through the entrance of some of its members into the municipal and village councils .

7- The PFU membership:

- PFU works in the entire West Bank and Gaza Strip
- In the year 2004 the number of sites and agriculture societies under the union umbrella reached 189 sites, and agricultural groups.
- The members of PFU in the West Bank who paid their membership fees in the year 2004 reached only 4429 in comparison with year 2003 which reached 4482
- The members of PFU who paid their membership fees in the Gaza Strip reached only 1062 in comparison to year 2003 which reached 4718

	2003	2004
West Bank	4482	4429
Gaza Strip	4718	1062
Total	9200	5491

The decrease is a result of harsh living conditions of Palestinian farmers from the Israeli aggressive policies. Which results in not being able to pay the membership fees

8- Volunteers and voluntary work

In the year 2004 the number of volunteers reached only 137 in comparison with 2003 which reached up to (170) volunteers. Their accomplishments brought great benefit to the union. This is due to their good capabilities and experience in dealing with the farmers and reaching them and persuading them to take part in the union's activities
A total of (6576) unpaid days of volunteer work for the union has been done with an average of (48) w.d per volunteer.

9- External Relationships and Finance:

- Relationships have been developed with the Farmers Union in Syria and Jordan, and the beginning of relationship with agricultural and co-operative unions in Yemen has been established . Also an application was submitted for the membership of the Arab Farmers and cooperative union.
- More than (13) financing projects have been presented to various donors . The following have been agreed to :

- 1- The Project of training and building the capacities of farmers in recovering the value added tax of 17% through the (UNDP) financing program with a budget of (14900) dollars.

Activity	Promotion of Program idea	Workshops (11)	Training Courses (8)	Opening Tax Recovery files
Beneficiaries No.	1200	270	139	124

2. Project of Job creation through constructing terraces and expanded the cultivated areas for agricultural land financed by Norwegian Popular Aids Society (NPA) with a budget of (87224) dollars .

Project achievements in comparison with its objectives :

No.	Project Objective	Acheived results
1	Creating (5143) working Days for building terraces	56149
2	Employing (139) workers in construction of terraces	143
3	Building (20522) sq.m. of supportive terraces	22459.6
4	Develops of (410) dunums of agriculture land	970
5	Work in (9) villages in three areas	(9) villages – 3 areas
6	Assisting (102) farmers in land reclamation	127
7	Employing (3) co-ordinators for the project for (4) months each person .	(3)employees as project co-ordinators
8	Holding (9) workshops to promote project	(9) workshops with participation of (241) beneficiaries of farmers and workers .

3. Project for water cisterns renovation in the eastern slops of Jordan valley financed. from Oxfam GB with a budget of 21000 dollars. Including renovation of (20) water harvesting well in Tobas_ Jordan valley for irrigation and livestock use) .

As a result of the project implementation the number of benefited farmers (mainly livestock breeders) was 75 farmers owing 2500 head of sheep . In addition to new cultivated land by planting of olive seedlings .One of the project characteristics is that (the beneficiary is not only the water cistern owner but all the community members) .

The most important achievements of the project :

- Number of renovated wells	20
- Total number of families	194
- Total size of renovated wells	2090 cubicm.
- Total number of employed in project	148 workers
- Total work days for workers	536
- union contribution in Project	78477.9 shekels
- contribution of project beneficiaries	12500.21 shekels

4. Enhancing the capacity building of olive oil producers project in Saida village, Tulkarem, In order to produce high quality oil financed by the Palestinian – French Solidarity Society AFPS 04 with a budget of (22000) dollars . The project had benefited (42) farmers , members of the Co-operative Society to press olives in Saida village, Tulkarm as well as members of Tulkarem Society for the production of organic oil through the process of collective pressing and storing the oil in stainless tins with total capacity of (12) tons of oil, and also repairing Saida Co-operative Press at a cost of (5000) American dollars .

5. Job creation through constructing terraces project financed by the Australian Representative office at a cost of (30,000) dollars, however the project was rejected from the union, and the agreement was not signed with them because it was preconditioned to signing the anti-terrorist document.

The most important difficulties that faced the Union in 2004.

- The continuation of the Israeli aggressive actions against the farmers lands and confiscating large land areas for building the colonial separation Wall and cutting the agricultural lands into pieces which destroyed the farmer's infrastructure .
- Intense competition of Israeli products against the products of the Palestinian farmer which caused a weakened of the farmer's revenue and his giving up the agricultural job which is his basic source of his life, and as a result increasing the unemployment ratio.
- Scarcity of available financial resources and the weakness of financing the member's projects, and this adversely affect offering the services to the farmers and developing their production in addition to the non-existence of a lending corporation and providing financial facilities to farmers.
- Difficulty of communicating with Other Arab union due to the occupation and restrictions on individuals movement.
- Communication difficulties between members of the union in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip which resulted in the non-execution of the Association plans and following them up closely and following up the union issues in both areas.
- The measures and the claims from different institution in relation the to value added tax of 17% and the default in recovering the farmers dues

Recommendations :-

1. To work in setting a comprehensive work plan for the union from all participated societies and cooperatives, and to work to achieve self-reliance and independent in near future.
2. Reactivate more the added tax values 17% recovery. Through capacity building and awareness raising of pioneered farmers in the issue , for easy facilitation.
3. To encourage opening of new marketing channels for agricultural products in cooperation with Arab unions and concerned institutions.
4. To press on the national authority represented by ministry of agriculture to put an efficient tools for boycotting the Israeli settlements products to achieve its objectives to stop the effect of this competition on local products and on sales prices for the produced products.
5. Intensification and concentrations on all lopping advocacy forms for the farmer's rights. As well as to inform and identity the world about the effects of the colonial wall, expansion of settlements on the life of farmers and their family members.
6. To encourage establishment specialized unions and cooperatives with clear main objective such as, marketing, livestock breeding, collective purchasing, saving and credits an other to achieve building of a solid organization that can sustain provision of the serves efficiently.
7. Expansion of participating farmers and their cooperative to more involvement in the development of their civil society and effective participation in the election and other national activities which will enable them to put their needs on the elections list programs and companies.
8. Providing the services and programs through the societies in a way that increases the membership and interaction and ultimately licensing new societies and co-operating in this with the government and non-government institutions operating in this field.
9. Easy facilitation and simplifying the procedures by the concerned local authorities related to development of societies and union to enable provision of adequate services and defending the rights in an organized manner.
10. Developing the relationships with the international donors and the groups and associations through which the voice of the Palestinian farmer and his appeal for stopping the acts of destruction of the source of his life.
11. Supporting the positive trend and its can be conveyed developing it the performance and operation of the saving and credit funds so as to become a financial reserve capable of offering financial reserve or lending services on the one hand and to provide a kind of social security to the members on the other hand.
12. Working for raising finance for the execution of the projects of the societies and co-operatives and the union through preparing project proposals to the denoting bodies in a way that meets the need of donors body with clear objectives and a determination of activities and the expected results.
13. To encourage farmers to protect and save the environment as well as to concentrate on sustainable development, friendly to nature actions and products.