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First Steering Committee of the Hebron Technopark

The Minister of Local Government Hussain Al-Araj, the Governor of Hebron Kamel Hemeid, its Mayor Daoud Zatari, and the Consul General Davide La Cecilia have participated in the first meeting of the Steering Committee of the Hebron Technopark.
The meeting took place on Monday 15 February 2016, at the Korea-Palestine Center in Hebron. The Steering Committee was also attended by representatives of the cities of Milan, Turin and Genoa.

The Technopark initiative was first launched in 2014 under the PMSP-Ali della Colomba program which is part of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
After the conclusion of the feasibility study done in 2015, the second phase of the project has just started. It involves the construction of the first batch of infrastructures (1,750 sm), the creation of its governance bodies as well as the launching of activities of the Park as a business incubator and an agency of innovation.

The project is the result of a joint work among the Municipalities and the Italian Consulate together with the entire hebronite network. Indeed, the two Hebron Universities, the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Forum and the city's major industrial enterprises (Hebron represents the most important and productive economic hub in Palestine, making up the 50% of the national GDP) are also part of the Steering Committee. The Technopark is going to be a national impact project and will attract international investments. Mayor Zatari has announced the possible interest of other donors.

Consul General La Cecilia reiterated Italy's strong commitment to working towards the support of Palestinian institutions, including at the local level, enhancing the private sector's growth as well as the support of new start-ups, for which the Technopark will make a decisive contribution.