“Closing Ceremony Fourth MIADIT Mission”

The closing ceremony of the fourth MIADIT, the Training Course of the Palestinian Security Forces by the Arma dei Carabinieri took place on the 24 May 2016 in Jericho. The ceremony was attended by the Governor of Jericho Majid, the Deputy Commander General of the Carabinieri Gen. Ricciardi, the Commandant of the General Military Training Commission Gen. Al-Hilu, the Commander of the Mission MIADIT Colonel Di Stefano and the Consul General of Italy in Jerusalem Davide La Cecilia.

The training program was approved during the Joint Ministerial Committee between the Italian and Palestinian governments in 2012 and was later extended until 2017 for a total of seven missions. The training has so far involved more than 800 Palestinian security forces and it was implemented through safety training programs in the field of policing, investigative techniques and law enforcement and the protection of cultural heritage, as well as through trainings at the Coespu (Center of Excellence for Stability Police Unit) in Vicenza, Italy, for the best students in the framework of “training the trainers”.

“Italy has always set off a number of initiatives in Palestine aimed at strengthening both the capacity building and the Palestinian institutions with the aim to preserve the two-state solution and restore confidence among the parties in order to arrive at a resumption of the dialogue. The Consul General Cecilia thanked the United States Security Coordinator and EUPOL COPPS for the extraordinary collaboration in these activities”

During the ceremony, General Ricciardi recalled the priority of the institution building in the security sector, as a guarantee of the legitimate aspiration of citizens to develop their life and as a basis of any future political progress. He concluded by thanking the 30 Carabinieri who for twelve weeks have assisted the Palestinian security institutions under the command, for the second time, of Colonel Di Stefano.