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Statement from Cristina Natoli, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Representative in Jerusalem, in occasion of the 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) in Jerusalem supports the **16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**, the international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls, which runs from the 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, to the 10th of December, Human Rights Day.

The 2017 theme is "Leave No One Behind: End Violence against Women and Girls" addressing, in particular, the most underserved and marginalised, including refugees, minorities, and populations affected by conflict.

"Freeing women from violence is a goal for every society and each person, men and women together. Violence against women and girls remains a threat to half of humanity hindering society full development and the enjoyment of human rights" affirms Cristina Natoli, Representative of AICS in Jerusalem.

Italy continues to be strongly committed in favour of Gender Equity and Equality in Palestine, collaborating with Institutions, Civil Society and International Agencies, and contributing to the fight for a brighter future free of violence against women and girls.