



**Title: Implementation of the code of conduct on the distribution and use of pesticides in Palestine**

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## **Introduction**

Palestinian Agriculture sector considered one of the major productive sectors in Palestine contributes in achieving food security and constitute a source of foreign currency through exporting agriculture products.

Scarcity of land compared to the population of Palestine, forced the intensive agriculture, and this made numerous problems, one of which is the spread of pests and causes great damage to the crops during growth. As a consequence farmers pay a great attention and cost to the protection of their crops by using the available PESTICIDES.

As well, the use of these pesticides is not limited to the agricultural sector, but it is also used in other sectors such as public health and animal health, in different formulations, mainly due to control of pests and parasites that infect humans and animals.

But, is the use of these pesticides, in all sectors, subject to a particular system or legislation determines the behavior of the use of these substances? Are the laws in place covering this aspect, or need to develop or change? Is there awareness in the use of these substances at the government and private sectors, as well as farmers and citizens? Is there the capacity or infrastructure appropriate to the State to accommodate the subject and responsibility towards the use of pesticides in Palestine? Is that the laws in place or to be agreed and applied consistent with the International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management, even partially?

All these and other questions will be highlighted and evaluated in the light of the call by the International Code of Conduct for the use of agricultural pesticides, and compare it with what is actually applied in Palestine