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### **Press Release**

## **Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst visits Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut**

Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon, visited today the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra, Shatila and Mar Elias.

On this occasion, Ambassador Eichhorst went to see a school in Sabra camp and a health centre in Shatila camp, both managed by UNRWA, where she met students and patients as well as teaching and medical staff. She also toured homes rehabilitated thanks to the support of the European Union, in Mar Elias camp. This rehabilitation work was done following the commitments made by the European Commissioner for the European Neighbourhood Policy, Stefan Füle, during his visit to Lebanon in October 2011.

Ambassador Eichhorst recalled that the European Union is one of the biggest donors to UNRWA in Lebanon with more than 62 million Euros worth of on going projects in social development and infrastructure.

Moreover, Ambassador Eichhorst called for an "early resumption of negotiations in order to advance the Middle East Process. In this context, she said that the resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict remains a strategic priority for the European Union and reiterated the EU's continued commitment for a negotiated two-State solution in order to achieve a just and last settlement for the conflict. Ambassador Eichhorst said that "heeding the aspiration of the Palestinians for statehood is a crucial element for lasting peace, stability and prosperity in the region".