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PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSES PLEASURE

Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland expresses great pleasure and satisfaction at the decision of the Norwegian Nobel Committee to award the Nobel Peace Prize to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Chairman Yasir Arafat.

"The decision is a just recognition of your personal courage and should bring hope and promise to all people who have been working openly and quietly for a peaceful evolution in the Middle East", the Prime Minister writes in a message to the prize winners. "The award is a well deserved tribute to the major architects of the peace agreements between Israel and the PLO", she says.

The Prime Minister underlines that although much has been achieved, there are still many problems to be solved. "Norway will do everything in its power to support the peace process", she says.

The Prime Minister expresses hope that the advantages of peace can be made tangible for people throughout the Middle East, and that the award will serve as an incentive to all parties in the peace process, to continue their progress towards achieving a just and lasting peace in the area.