

Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Viet Nam, 5th of February 2014

Thank you Mr. President.

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of the State of Viet Nam to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks it for the presentation of Viet Nam's national report.

We welcome efforts made by the Government since the first UPR Cycle to promote and protect human rights including ongoing efforts to enlarge access to social security and to improve the quality of education.

We recognise the challenges that remain in both of those areas, and in this regard the State of Palestine wishes to make the following recommendations:

- To improve access by disadvantaged groups to social security
- To increase: investments aimed at closing the quality gap between education in the urban and rural, far-off areas or those with ethnic minorities, as well as investments aimed at increasing education on the content of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and core international instruments on Human Rights.

We wish Viet Nam every success in its future endeavours to promote and protect the human rights of its people.

Thank you Mr. President.