

**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of  
Brunei Darussalam, 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2014**

Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We commend the efforts made by the Government to implement recommendations that emanated from the first UPR cycle.

Since the first UPR review, Brunei Darussalam has continued to implement its National Education System for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by the development of the Strategic Plan 2012-2017. We welcome such efforts to develop human capital through education, and recommend that Brunei Darussalam continue to actively promote the right to education for all and further its efforts to promote human rights education and training.

We also commend efforts that Brunei Darussalam has taken to improve healthcare in the country; however, concerns still remain about the shortage of qualified local health personnel such as doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals. In this vein, we recommend that Brunei Darussalam increase its provision of scholarships to students to study Medicine, and intensify efforts to optimise facilities and human resource utilisation focusing on efficient health system models.

We wish Brunei Darussalam a successful review.

Thank you Mr. President.