

**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of  
Dominica, 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2014**

Mr. President,

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

Since the first UPR review, Dominica adopted legislation and domestic policies supporting gender equality and women's empowerment. We welcome these steps and recommend for Dominica to take further measures to improve women's access to decision-making and management positions, and to positions with improved career prospects, in both the public and private sectors.

We also commend efforts taken to integrate information and communication technologies into the education system, and recommend that Dominica intensify its efforts to promote and protect the full enjoyment of the right to education and take further steps to make access to education easier for all, including by allocating adequate resources and by reinforcing teacher training.

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

Thank you Mr. President.