

**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Croatia,  
12<sup>th</sup> of May 2015**

Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Croatia 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, a number of positive results have been achieved in improving the rights of children including through the implementation of the National Plan of Activities for the Rights and Interests of Children 2006-2012. We welcome such efforts and recommend that Croatia ensure the effective implementation of the new National Strategy for the Rights of Children 2014-2020.

We also commend steps that have been taken to improve inclusive education. However, we remain concerned that children in vulnerable and disadvantaged situations do not always enjoy equal access to education. We recommend that Croatia establish State-wide inclusive education, including through the allocation of necessary resources, and provide regular training for school personnel.

Thank you Mr. President.