

Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Maldives, 6th of May 2015

Mr. President,

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

The State of Palestine welcomes the steps that the Maldives Government has taken towards implementing the recommendations from the first UPR cycle and its commitment to promoting and protecting human rights in the country.

We particularly welcome efforts that the Government has made to strengthen child rights and the national child protection system, as well as measures taken to guarantee the enjoyment of the right to education. We recommend that the Maldives enact the Education Bill, further enhance and develop the education system, and intensify efforts to improve access to education for students from low-income families.

We also commend the work that has been done in ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities. We recommend that the Maldives mainstream disabilities rights into government policies and action plans.

Thank you Mr. President.