

Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Denmark, 21st of January 2016

Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Denmark and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We commend the progress made by Denmark since the first UPR cycle to further promote and protect the human rights of its people including by establishing an expert committee to examine the incorporation of international human rights instruments.

Since the first UPR Denmark has taken various positive measures and initiatives aimed inter alia at promoting children's rights. We recommend that Denmark continue its experimental programme on access to mother tongue education for children belonging to minority groups.

We also welcome steps taken by Denmark with regard to business and human rights including the establishment of a mediation and complaints-handling institution for responsible business conduct. We recommend that Denmark ensure that its policies, legislation, regulations and enforcement measures effectively serve to prevent and address the heightened risk of business involvement in abuses in conflict situations, which includes situations of foreign occupation.

We wish Denmark a successful review.

Thank you Mr. President.