

**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of
Greece, 3rd of May 2015**

Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Greece 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 right to education including the issuance of the new circular 6/23/2010 on the right of every single child living in Greece to enrol in school, regardless of residence status. We however note the persistence of the limited access of Roma children to school, and recommend that Greece take measures to increase the attendance rates of Roma students and their retention in school by, inter alia, providing sufficient comprehensive measures to cover education-related expenses and raising awareness of the importance of education among Roma families.

We also welcome steps taken by Greece with regard to business and human rights. We recommend that Greece 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.

Thank you Mr. President.