**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Belize**

**29 January 2024**

Thank you Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Belize to the Fourth Cycle of the UPR and thank them for the presentation of their report.

We welcome the efforts taken by Belize to promote and protect human rights in the country. We expresses our heartfelt gratitude to Belize for its unwavering and principled stance on supporting the Palestinian just cause. This responsible position Signals Belize commitment to International Law.

We would like to recommend the following:

* To continue its commendable progress in implementing the legal reforms, policies, and strategies that prioritise human rights principles when addressing the needs of marginalised groups
* To continue it applaudable progress in facilitating refugees’ access to humanitarian aid and fair asylum procedures.

We wish Belize a successful review

I thank you