**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Mauritius, 24th January 2024**

Thank you, Mr. President,

At the outset, the State of Palestine would like to welcome the delegation of Mauritius and we thank them for the comprehensive presentation on the latest developments regarding the human rights situation in the country and we commend them for their efforts to promote and protect human rights.

In a constructive spirit we would like to recommend the following:

* To consider ratifying the international human rights treaties it had not yet ratified.
* To continue its effort to strengthen the mechanisms and policies in place to combat trafficking in persons.
* To increase its efforts to ensure that the right to education is enshrined in the

Constitution and other national legislation and to ensure that pre-primary education is free and compulsory.

We wish Mauritius a successful review.