**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Senegal, 22nd January 2024**

Thank you, Mr. President,

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

We commend the efforts exercised by Senegal since the last UPR to provide access to and enroll persons with disabilities in various social security programs, particularly regarding the enrollment of 24,728 persons with disabilities in the universal health care scheme, and in this regard, **we recommend that Senegal continue its efforts in that regard and ensure further rehabilitation programs and aid for persons with disabilities.**

We welcome the efforts for a free press by the government, including guarantees in article 10 of the Constitution, which grants every person the right of freedom of expression and opinion and in this regard, **we recommend that Senegal continue its efforts in that regard to guarantee individuals and press, especially in the form of online media, their right to freedom of expression.**

We wish Senegal a successful review.