**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Nepal, 21st of January 2021**

Thank you Madame President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Nepal and we thank them for the presentation of their national report.

We welcome the efforts made by the government since the last review to promote the human rights of the people and its constructive cooperation to engage with special procedures and mechanisms of the human rights council.

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

1. To ensure the independence of the National Human Rights commission in compliance with the Paris Principles
2. To conduct public awareness campaigns to eliminate caste-based hierarchies
3. To continue addressing cases related to violations of human rights that had occurred during the conflict
4. To consider adopting a better coordinated approach to address hunger and malnutrition

We wish Nepal a successful review.