**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Belgium, 5th of May 2021:**

Thank you, Madam President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the Delegation of Belgium and thanks them for the presentation of their national report and we commend the government’s commitment to promote and protect human rights.

We welcome the efforts made by the Government of Belgium in combating all forms of discrimination, and **we recommend that Belgium continue its efforts in this regard and ensure that corrective disciplinary and other accountability measures are in place to combat racial profiling and incidents of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.**

We also welcome the steps taken with regards to business and human rights, and **we recommend that Belgium take more concreate steps to enact legislations specific to conflict-affected areas and to provide conflict-specific guidance and advice for business enterprises on ensuring respect for human rights to prevent and address the heightened risk of corporate involvement in gross human right violations in conflict affected areas including situations of foreign occupation.**

We wish Belgium a successful review.

I thank you.