**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Denmark, 6h of May 2021**

Thank you Madame President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Denmark to the third cycle of the UPR and commend the efforts made to protect and promote human rights in the country since the last cycle.

We acknowledge the efforts made by the government to combat all forms of discrimination. We recommend that Denmark continues its efforts to address the gaps in the anti-discrimination legal framework including by adopting a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation and to repeal provisions that have direct and indirect discriminatory effect on refugees, migrants and residents.

We welcome the steps taken with regards to business and human rights, and we recommend that Denmark enact specific legislations to conflict affected areas and to provide 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.