**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Estonia, 4th of May 2021:**

Thank you, Madam President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Estonia and commends the steps taken by the Government since the second cycle of the UPR to promote and protect human rights including the efforts made in combating discrimination and violence against women and in promoting their rights, and **we recommend that Estonia continue its efforts in creating an enabling environment and providing equal access to all educational majors for female students, and ensure equal rights and opportunities for women in formal employment, eliminate occupational segregation and achieve substantive equality in the labor market;**

In regards to business and human rights, **we recommend that Estonia ensures its policies, legislation, regulations and enforcement measures effectively serves to prevent and address the heightened risk of business involvement in abuses in conflict situations, which includes situations of foreign occupation.**

We wish Estonia a successful review.

I thank you.