**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Namibia, 3rd of May 2021:**

Thank you, Madam President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the Delegation of Namibia, and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation of their national report, and we commend the steps taken by the government towards implementing the recommendations from the second UPR cycle.

We welcome the efforts made by Namibia in increasing access to education including by launching the Social Accountability and School Governance programme (SASG), and **we recommend in this regard that Namibia continue to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access to quality education and to develop a culturally responsive educational environment.**

Additionally, we commend the steps taken by Namibia in regards to gender based violence, illustrated by the adoption of the 2019-2023 National Plan of Action. **We recommend that Namibia continue its efforts in this matter, and ensure the effective investigation, prosecution and punishment of perpetrators.**

We wish Namibia a successful review.

I thank you.