**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Zimbabwe, 26th January 2022**

Thank you Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Zimbabwe to the third Cycle of the UPR and thank them for the presentation of the report. We welcome the efforts undertaken by the Government of Zimbabwe to improve the human rights situation in the country.

We would like to recommend the following:

* Continue its efforts to mitigate the negative effects of climate change and environmental degradation, particularly in relation to food and water security
* Continue its efforts to identify and protect victims of trafficking
* To intensify its efforts to ensure the full implementation of the Education Amendment Act and reduce the school dropout rate particularly among girls.

We wish Zimbabwe a successful review

I thank you