**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of South Africa, 15th November 2022**

Thank you Mr. President,

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

In the spirit of constructive dialogue we like to recommend the following:

* To continue its efforts to implement the Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act and ensure that traffickers were prosecuted and punished
* To implement the land redistribution and restitution programme

We wish South Africa a successful review

I thank you