**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Gabon**

**24th January 2023**

Thank you Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Gabon to the Fourth Cycle of the UPR and thank them for the presentation of their report.

We welcome the efforts taken by the Government of Gabon to promote and protect human rights in the country.

We would like to recommend the following:

* To raise awareness of the importance of girls’ education at all levels as a basis for their empowerment, to extend free education until the age of 12 and to continue its efforts towards inclusive education, particularly for persons with disabilities
* Provide access to clean water and sanitation in school settings
* Continue its efforts to register women in universal health insurance scheme

We wish Gabon a successful review

I thank you