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

**26th January 2023**

Thank you Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Benin 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 Benin to promote and protect human rights in the country.

We would like to recommend the following:

* Improve employment programs for young people to increase the standard of living
* Continue efforts to establish childcare centers and improve mechanisms for reporting and

dealing with violations of children’s rights

We wish Benin a successful review

I thank you