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

**27th January 2023**

Thank you Mr. President,

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

We would like to recommend the following:

* To take steps to prevent, condemn and combat racial hate speec and ensure that all reported cases of racial hate speech were investigated effectively
* To enact legislations to conflict affected areas and to provide guidance and advice for business enterprises on ensuring respect for human rights and to prevent and address the heightened risk of corporate involvement in gross human right violations in conflict affected areas including situations of foreign occupation

We wish Switzerland a successful review

I thank you