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

**3rd May  2023**

Thank you Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of  Botswana  to the fourth cycle of the UPR and thanks them for their presentation and we commend the government’s commitment to promote and protect human rights.

We would like to recommend the following:

1. Continue its efforts to combat trafficking in persons and ensure that all cases of trafficking in persons were thoroughly investigated, that alleged perpetrators were prosecuted and that victims were provided with full reparation.
2. Continue its efforts to ensure that sufficient resources are allocated to early childhood education and to promote quality vocational training to enhance the skills of children particularly those who dropped out of school.
3. To consider developing a national policy and plan of action to support children in street situations and strengthen measures to ensure that children in street situations were provided with educational opportunities.

We wish Botswana a successful review,

I thank you.