**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Luxembourg 18th January 2018.**

Thank you Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation Luxembourg and thanks them for their presentation of their national report.

We commend the progress made by Luxembourg since the previous cycles to further promote and protect the human rights of its people. Including its efforts to strengthen public participation in political life and improving both governance and the performance of the government service.

We welcome the progress made by Luxembourg in the sphere of education and **we recommend Luxembourg continues to invest in the necessary resources to improve and expand educational facilities and opportunities, in order to ensure the right to quality education for all children, including asylum-seeking and refugee children, is achieved.**

We also welcome efforts made by Luxembourg, with regards to business and human rights, and its plans to introduce a National Action Plan application of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. As such, **we recommend Luxembourg takes the necessary steps, to ensure that its national plan includes provisions which would ensure that Luxembourg’s companies, are not involved in any activities that have a negative impact on the enjoyment of human rights, particularly in conflict areas; this includes situations of foreign occupation, where there are heightened risks of human rights abuses.**

We wish Luxembourg a successful review.

Thank you Mr. President.