**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Montenegro, 22nd of January 2018**

Thank you Mr. President,

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

We welcome the adoption of the Strategy for RE Social Inclusion of 2016-2020. In this regard we **recommend that Montenegro allocates a suitable budget to ensure that the strategy will be fully implemented** **and to continue its efforts to secure a sustainable housing solution for minority persons and ensure their inclusion in the educational system.**

We welcome steps taken by Montenegro with regard to business and human rights. **We recommend the Government intensifies the oversight over Montenegro companies operating abroad, with regard to any negative impact of their activities on the enjoyment of human rights, particularly in conflict areas, which includes situations of foreign occupation, where there are heightened risks of human rights abuses.**

We wish Montenegro a successful review.

Thank you.