**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Germany, 8th of May 2018:**

Thank you Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Germany and we thank them for the presentation of their national report and we commend the government’s commitment to promote and protect human rights

We welcome the efforts made and the attention given to combat discrimination and to prevent all forms of extremism, however we remain concerned about certain racist ideas by certain political parties. **We recommend that Germany increase its efforts and use all possible means to counter all acts of racism.**

We acknowledge the steps taken by Germany in the area of business and human rights by adopting a National Action Plan for Business and Human Rights in 2016 to promote responsible business conduct that respects human rights. **We recommend that Germany strengthen oversight over German 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 Germany a successful review.

I thank you.