Thank you, Mr. President,

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

We commend the efforts by Congo since the last UPR to promote and protect human rights particularly the ratification of human rights instruments that Congo has not been party to.

We welcome Congo’s effort to guarantee the right of all children by continuously strengthening the policies in place to promote and protect children’s rights and guarantee the right of all children to education. In this regard **we recommend that the Congo continue its efforts in strengthening the constitutional provisions relating to education and ensure equitable and inclusive access to education for all without discrimination**.

We also welcome the steps taken by the Congo to promote the rights of indigenous people particularly through the adoption of Law No. 5-2011 on the promotion and protection of indigenous people and **we recommend the Congo to take further steps to combat discrimination, stereotypes of which indigenous people are victims and promote a climate of respect and tolerance among all.**

We wish Congo a successful review.