Thank you Mr. President,

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

We commend the efforts by Malta since the last UPR to promote and protect human rights in the country.

We welcome the steps taken by the Maltese Government to combat discrimination including through the extension of the mandate of the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality and the publication of the Strategy for the Reception of Asylum Seekers and Irregular Migrants. **In this regard we recommend that Malta continue to strengthen its efforts to eradicate stereotypes and discrimination against migrants, by conducting public awareness-raising campaigns to promote tolerance and respect for diversity.**

**We also recommend that Malta ensures that its policies, legislation, regulations and enforcement measures effectively serves to prevent and address the heightened risk of business involvement in abuses in conflict situations, which includes situations of foreign occupation.**

We wish Malta a successful review.

Thank you,