**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Brunei Darussalam, 10th of May 2019:**

Thank you, Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam to the third cycle of the UPR and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We commend the government’s commitment in implementing recommendations from the previous UPR cycle and the steps taken to promote and protect human rights in the country.

We also commend the government of Brunei Darussalam for the steps taken in improving education, and we recommend that Brunei Darussalam continue its efforts in ensuring people’s access to education including all children with disabilities, and to allocate adequate financial and technical resources for schools to effectively strengthen inclusive education.

We welcome the efforts made by the government of Brunei Darussalam to ensure the implementation of the SDGs including through establishing the Special Committee for National Coordination of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and we recommend that Brunei Darussalam continue its efforts in this regard with the focus on ensuring sustainable livelihoods and improving accessibility to information and fundamental freedoms.

We wish Brunei Darussalam a successful review.

I thank you.