**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of** **Côte d’Ivoire, 7th of May 2019:**

Thank you, Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the Delegation of Côte d’Ivoire, and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We congratulate Côte d’Ivoire for accepting 181 of the 186 recommendations made, and their demonstrated effort to implement them.

We applaud Côte d’Ivoire’s significant increase in numbers of quality education. In line with the theme of accessible education, **we recommend Côte d’Ivoire continues to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education, significantly by working to guarantee free public education for all children for at least 12 years.**

Additionally, we commend the steps taken by Côte d’Ivoire in regards to the right to health, illustrated by the construction of 300 new health centers. **We recommend Côte d’Ivoire to continue its efforts in this matter, and to guarantee accessibility for *all,* including women and girls to all health services.**

We wish Côte d’Ivoire a successful review.

I thank you.