**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of DPRK, 9th of May 2019**

Thank you, Mr. President,

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

We acknowledge the different measures taken by the Government to promote and protect human rights including the adoption of several legislations and we encourage the government to ensure that the adopted legislations are in line with international standards.

We would like to recommend the following to the Government of DPRK:

1. To strengthen its efforts to overcome the challenges that negatively impact the promotion and protection of human rights and to provide adequate conditions favorable to the enjoyment of human rights in accordance with international standards.
2. To accede to the core international human rights treaties to which it is not yet a state party and thoroughly implements its obligations under the treaties to which it is a party.
3. To strengthen its cooperation with United Nations organizations and human rights mechanisms.

We wish DPRK a successful review.

I thank you,