**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Ethiopia, 14th May 2019**

Thank you, Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the Delegation of Ethiopia, and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

We applaud Ethiopia for developing the National Reproductive Health Strategy, which has promoted an increase of family planning services in Ethiopia. **We recommend Ethiopia to continue advancing their work in this field, significantly by extending this to young people and adolescents.**

Furthermore, the State of Palestine praises Ethiopia for providing financial assistance to girls from underprivileged families to attend school, which aims to target dropout rates in several regions. **Whilst we appreciate this step, we are aware that female attendance rates remain significantly low, and recommend Ethiopia to pay due attention to increasing accessibility of primary and secondary education to all females.**

We wish Ethiopia a successful review.

I thank you.