**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Norway, 6th of May 2019:**

Thank you, Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Norway and we thank them for the presentation of their national report. And we commend the government’s commitment to promote and protect human rights.

We welcome the efforts made by the government of Norway in combating hate speech and hate crimes, including providing fund for the Council of Europe’s Young People Combating Hate Speech Online campaign where they presented in 2016, a strategy against hate speech for the period 2016–2020. In this regard, we recommend that the government of Norway ensure a consistent effective enforcement of the Criminal Code; which is provided for the penalization of discriminatory expressions and hate speech, to prevent and protect against hate speech.

We also commend the steps taken by Norway in the scoop of business and human rights by launching a National Plan of Action for implementation of the UNGP on Business and Human Rights in 2015. In this regard, we recommend that Norway strengthen oversight over Norwegian companies operating abroad with regard to any negative impact of their activities on the enjoyment of human rights, particularly in conflict areas, which includes situations of foreign occupation, where there are heightened risks of human rights abuses.

We wish Norway a successful review.

I thank you.