**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Italy, 4th of November 2019:**

Thank you, Mr. President,

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

We commend the government commitment to promote and protect human right and the efforts made to implement recommendations from the previous UPR cycle.

We welcome the efforts made by the government of Italy in combating hate speech, hate crimes and racial and xenophobic acts, we recommend that Italy continue its efforts in this regard, to improve its legal and institutional frameworks for protection against discrimination and to establish a systematic data collection mechanism to record incidents of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

We also recommend that Italy ensures that its policies, legislation, regulations and enforcement measures effectively serves to prevent and address the heightened risk of business involvement in abuses in conflict situations, which includes situations of foreign occupation.

We wish Italy a successful review.

I thank you.