**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Islamic Republic of Iran, 8th of November 2019:**

Thank you, Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the third cycle of the UPR and we thank them for the presentation of their national report.

We commend the government’s commitment to promote and protect human rights including ongoing efforts in improving Education by launching the blocking causes of illiteracy program in March 2014. We welcome the implementation of the "Health System Development Plan" in order to realize the right to health.

In this regard the State of Palestine wishes to make the following recommendations to the Islamic Republic of Iran:

1. to continue its efforts in regard to education, and to adopt policies to enhance inclusion in education for girls, children with disabilities and children from rural areas.
2. to extend a standing invitation to special procedure mechanisms;
3. to continue to adhere to more international human rights conventions;

We wish Iran a successful review.

I thank you.