**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Spain, 22nd January 2020:**

Thank you, Madame President,

The State of Palestine would like to welcome the delegation of Spain to the third cycle of the UPR.

We commend the positive steps taken by Spain to improve the human rights situation in the country since the second cycle of the UPR.

We welcome the ongoing efforts by the Government to prevent violence and protect children and adolescents from any violence. In this regard, we recommend that Spain adopts a legislation guaranteeing comprehensive protection of children against violence and ensuring its application at all levels.

We welcome the adoption by Spain of the National Plan on Business and Human Rights and we recommend that Spain 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 Spain a successful review.

I thank you.