**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Armenia, 23rd January 2020:**

Thank you, Madame President,

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

We welcome the steps taken by the Government of Armenia since the second cycle to promote and protect the human rights including strengthening its cooperation with different UN bodies and ensuring that recommendations by UN treaty bodies are implemented, in this regard we would like to recommend the government of Armenia to consider ratifying core human rights treaties to which it is not yet a party.

We acknowledge the positive steps taken to improve the quality of education and we recommend the Government to continue its efforts to improve access to education for all, with special attention given to children from socioeconomically disadvantaged families.

We also recommend that Armenia 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 Armenia a successful review.

Thank you