**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Sweden, 27th of January 2020:**

Thank you, Madame President,

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

We welcome the efforts made by the government of Sweden in combating hate speech and hate crimes, including the adoption of the national plan to combat racism, similar forms of hostility and hate crime in 2016. We recommend that the government of Sweden continue its efforts in this regard and continue taking the necessary measures to protect vulnerable groups, minorities and migrants from all forms of racist acts.

We also commend the steps taken by Sweden in the scoop of business and human rights by launching a National Action Plan based on the UNGPs in 2015. In this regard, we recommend that Sweden strengthen oversight over Swedish 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 Sweden a successful review.

I thank you.