**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Turkey, 28th of January 2020:**

Thank you, Madame President

At the outset, on behalf of my delegation, I would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of Turkey, and thank them for the efforts made in the preparation of their national report, and welcome the steps taken by the Government of Turkey to promote and protect fundamental freedoms and human rights.

We appreciate the efforts and actions taken by the Government of Turkey to improve the status of women in political, economic and social life, including through implementing “The Strategy Paper and Action Plan on Women’s Empowerment” 2018-2023. We recommend that the Government of Turkey continue its efforts in this regard and to ensure equal representation in decision-making positions in the public and private sectors.

We also commend the government’s commitment in improving Education. We recommend that the government of Turkey continue its efforts in this regard, and to adopt policies to enhance inclusion in education for girls and children with disabilities.

We wish Turkey a successful review.

I thank you.