**6th Session of IGWG on TNCs and OBEs with respect to Human Rights**

**General Statement**

**Permanent Observer Mission of The State of Palestine**

Thank you, Chairperson Rapporteur,

At the outset we would like to congratulate you Ambassador on your election as chairperson-rapporteur of the working group. And we commend the efforts made in publishing the new draft of the LBI ahead of the 6th session.

The State of Palestine welcomes the second revised draft of the legally binding instrument issued on August 2020. And we appreciate the important improvements to the second revised Draft Treaty, and the integration of several points from our proposals last session. At the same time, the revised Draft has several gaps that must be addressed to ensure the full protection of the rights of people.

The publication of the Second Revised Draft marks one step further towards the adoption of a UN Legally Binding Instrument on business and human rights to regulate the activities of business enterprises, particularly those of a transnational character. And also represents a good basis to continue with fruitful negotiations during this session.

We reiterate once again our full support to the mandate of the intergovernmental working group and reassure our commitment to the process of elaborating a legally binding instrument in line with resolution 26/9. We call on all states to constructively engage and we welcome the participation and inputs from civil society organizations.

I thank you.