



THE STATE OF PALESTINE

**STATEMENT OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE IN RESPONSE TO
ATTACKS MADE ON THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATION OF VENEZUELA
AT THE NINETY-THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Mr. Chairperson,

The State of Palestine reaffirms its support for Venezuela and its representation at the OPCW, in conformity with the principle of state sovereignty, and the corollary of inadmissibility of interference in the internal affairs of another state.

The State of Palestine also wishes to stress the principle that states, in their international relations, refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in a manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations, as well as the principle of the peaceful settlement of international disputes, in accordance with the United Nations Charter.

Earlier statements made by some States Parties constitute an attack on these principles of international relations, which are the heart of international law.

Venezuela's legitimate government is the one run by President Nicolás Maduro, who was constitutionally elected on May 20, 2018 with 68 percent of the vote during the elections of that period, which were witnessed by 120 international observers.

My delegation requests that this statement be adopted as an official document of the work of this conference, and that it be published on the website of the Organisation.

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