



UNICEF, ILO, UNODA and others. They are our partners in advancing the rule of law for all in Palestine.

Mr. Chair,

We are often asked: "How would Palestine act once it is member of the UN". While we are not a member yet, the actions we have taken after the adoption by an overwhelming majority of

UNGA resolution 67/19 granting us observer State status are indicative of our values and our objectives. One of the first decisions the State of Palestine took was to join core human rights

conventions with no reservations, as well as the IHL Conventions. We further acceded to conventions in the fields of disarmament, environment, law of the sea, diplomatic and consular relations and others.

cooperation with the ICRC, to foster respect for the Geneva conventions, their additional protocols, and all other relevant IHL instruments by the occupying Power but also domestically.

Palestine also established its first Department for International Law and International Treaties within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs following these accessions to coordinate national efforts and international cooperation in this regard.

The State of Palestine disseminated the texts of these Conventions and the rights they provide in