

**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT  
THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF TIMOR-LESTE AT  
THE 26<sup>TH</sup> UPR WORKING GROUP, 3 NOVEMBER 2016**

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste to the 26<sup>th</sup> UPR Working Group session and thanks it for its presentation.

Timor-Leste has taken undertaken concrete policies and programmes since its last UPR in 2011 to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights.

In the area of gender equality, the Timor-Leste government has sought to build on the Dili Declaration by establishing mechanisms to strengthen gender mainstreaming at national and municipal levels.

Singapore **recommends** that Timor-Leste continues to implement policies and programmes that seek to ensure gender equality and provide opportunities for women to improve their standing in social, economic and political life.

Singapore welcomes Timor-Leste's efforts to increase employment in the country, including through the provision of skills training and the strengthening of partnerships with the private sector.

We **recommend** that Timor-Leste continue to prioritise efforts to provide education and training opportunities to strengthen the capacity of Timorese workers, particularly young people and the unemployed.

Singapore and Timor-Leste share warm and friendly bilateral relations. We remain committed to supporting Timor-Leste through the Singapore Cooperation Programme to help Timor-Leste achieve its development goals and develop its human capacity.

We join the many friends of Timor-Leste in wishing it every success in its development and in protecting and promoting the human rights of its people.

Thank you Mr President.

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**Intervention of Slovenia  
Review of Timor-Leste  
26<sup>th</sup> Session of UPR Working Group  
Geneva, 3 November 2016**

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for their presentation today.

We welcome the information provided by the Government on its efforts to ensure gender equality, address the issue of domestic violence and access to quality education. In this respect we note the adoption of the Law Against Domestic Violence and National Action Plan for Gender-Based Violence as well as the adoption of the National Education Strategic Plan.

However, we regret that after accepting the recommendation to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the first cycle Timor-Leste has not yet ratified it. Therefore, we would like to reiterate our **recommendation** from the previous cycle for Timor-Leste to ratify the CRPD.

We note that Timor-Leste received visits from special procedures mandate holders in the past, however, we regret that it has not yet issued a standing invitation to the special procedures. Furthermore, we note with concern the reports about the high school dropout rate among girls between primary and secondary levels that is attributed also to the lack of adequate sanitation in schools.

We would like to make the following additional **recommendations** to the Government of Timor-Leste:

- to adopt specific gender equality legislation in line with the provisions of CEDAW, including by defining discrimination against women in accordance with Article 1 of CEDAW;
- to adopt concrete measures and programmes to effectively address the causes for high school dropout rates among girls such as early pregnancy, gender-based violence and the lack of adequate sanitation in schools and to ensure their implementation, including by providing the necessary funding.

Thank you.

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<b>Intervención Española EPU República Democrática Timor-Leste</b>
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Muchas gracias Señor Presidente,

España da una cordial bienvenida a la delegación de Timor Leste y agradece su participación en este ejercicio, así como la presentación realizada por S. E.

Querríamos felicitarles por dos iniciativas específicas, especialmente interesantes y ambiciosas, como son el programa de nutrición conjunto con UNICEF y World Food Programme, y el nuevo proyecto “Telenovela” orientado a sensibilizar contra la violencia doméstica.

Por otro lado, querríamos compartir las siguientes **recomendaciones**:

1. España **recomienda** que Timor-Leste ratifique el Convenio sobre Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad a la mayor brevedad posible.
2. También **recomendamos** que se pongan en marcha programas para garantizar los derechos de los niños con respecto a la salud, la educación y la protección contra la violencia. Sería deseable la elaboración de planes nacionales de concienciación para luchar contra el abandono escolar.
3. **Se recomienda** además tomar medidas para eliminar la discriminación contra las mujeres, especialmente respecto a los temas de violencia, derecho a la tierra, derecho al trabajo, derecho a la educación, y otras formas de desigualdad de género.
4. **Recomendamos** que se implementen acciones para mejorar la relación entre las fuerzas de seguridad, cuerpos judiciales y la sociedad civil, específicamente en lo relativo a la detención arbitraria, el uso excesivo de la fuerza durante los arrestos, el debido proceso judicial, el abuso de poder, la tortura y el tratamiento inhumano. El Gobierno de Timor-Leste debería poner los medios para que los abusos anteriormente mencionados no queden impunes.
5. En la misma línea, **recomendamos** que el Gobierno de Timor-Leste se replantee la decisión de expulsar jueces, fiscales y otros profesionales extranjeros que están colaborando en la reforma del sistema judicial de Timor-Leste.



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## Conseil des droits de l'homme

26<sup>ème</sup> session du Groupe de travail sur l'Examen périodique universel

### Timor-Leste

Genève, le 3 novembre 2016

Déclaration de la Suisse

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Monsieur le Président,

Ma délégation souhaite la bienvenue à la délégation du Timor-Leste et la remercie pour la présentation de son deuxième rapport national. La Suisse salue la coopération du gouvernement du Timor-Leste avec la société civile dans l'élaboration de ce rapport.

Tout en notant l'action entreprise par le gouvernement pour réformer le système judiciaire, la Suisse reste préoccupée par le manque d'efforts du gouvernement pour traduire en justice les responsables présumés de crimes commis dans le passé et en générale pour lutter contre l'impunité. **La Suisse recommande au Timor-Leste de réviser le Code Pénal et le cadre législatif conformément au Statut de Rome de la Cour pénale internationale et aux autres obligations internationales du Timor-Leste. En outre, la Suisse recommande au Timor-Leste de ratifier les amendements de Kampala au Statut de Rome.**

La Suisse salue les développements positifs depuis le premier cycle de l'EPU dans la lutte contre la violence domestique, notamment la rédaction en cours par le gouvernement d'un plan d'action national contre la violence sexuelle. Néanmoins, la Suisse s'inquiète que la loi contre la violence domestique ne soit pas conforme à la Convention sur l'élimination de toutes les formes de discrimination à l'égard des femmes. **La Suisse recommande au gouvernement du Timor-Leste de mettre en œuvre les recommandations faites en 2015 par le Comité de l'ONU pour l'élimination de la discrimination à l'égard des femmes.**

Je vous remercie.

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**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**  
**H.E. Mr. Sasiwat Wongsinsawat**  
**Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Thailand**  
**at the Review of Timor-Leste**  
**during the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**  
**on Thursday 3 November 2016 from 14:30 to 18:00 hrs.**  
**in Room XX of the Palais des Nations in Geneva**  
**(Speaker Number: 7 Time: 2 minutes)**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Thailand warmly welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste to the second cycle of the UPR. We commend the progress made by Timor-Leste since its first UPR, especially the strengthening of national institutions for the promotion and protection of the rights of vulnerable groups and economic, social and cultural rights.

Thailand commends the efforts of the Government of Timor-Leste in protecting the rights of the child by adopting a minimum age for employment as well as by improving child nutrition and food security through its school feeding programme, including through the cooperation with the Royal Initiated Projects by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand.

Thailand welcomes the establishment of a National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities 2014-2018 and looks forward to its effective implementation. In this regard, we recommend Timor-Leste to ratify the CRPD in due course to strengthen its implementation framework in line with the Convention.

We also encourage Timor-Leste to further promote human rights education to the judicial, government and law enforcement officers. Moreover, Thailand recommends Timor-Leste to step up its efforts to provide adequate health facilities and comprehensive educations for all.

Lastly, Thailand stands ready to promote closer technical cooperation with Timor-Leste to enhance the promotion of human rights and sustainable development based on His Majesty King Bhumibol's Sufficiency Economy Philosophy.

I thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Session – 3 November 2016**  
**STATE UNDER REVIEW: TIMOR LESTE**

**(Intervention by Turkey)**

Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of Timor Leste and thank them for their substantive presentation.

Turkey acknowledges the progress made by Timor-Leste since its independence in 2002. We note with appreciation the endeavours made thus far by the Government of Timor-Leste in the field of human rights and the achievements thereof.

Turkey encourages the Government of Timor-Leste to continue to build on its human rights achievements further increasing the effectiveness of the protection mechanism prescribed by the Code on Domestic Violence and ensure that all legislation adopted is in line with the international human rights standards.

Furthermore, we welcome the fact that Timor-Leste has received visits from a number of special procedure mandate holders.

We appreciate also that the authorities of Timor-Leste have established a birth registration system for newborn babies in the 12 municipalities and have taken concrete steps to prepare a memorandum of understanding with hospitals to register children aged 0-5 across the entire territory.

Turkey encourages the Government of Timor Leste to strengthen its efforts for the promotion and protection of women's rights in various fields.

Turkey would like to **recommend** the following:

1. Sign and ratify CRPD.
2. Extend a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.
3. Finalize the adoption of a national plan of action on gender-based violence.
4. Adopt a national plan of action for children's rights and provide the National Commission for the Rights of the Child with necessary resources.

5. Continue to adopt measures to increase the rate of issuance of birth certificates, especially in rural areas, while introducing specific measures to register migrant children at birth.
6. Finalize and implement the Child and Family Welfare System Policy.

Finally, we wish Timor Leste all the success during its 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR.

I thank you Mr. President.

**Human Rights Council  
26th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Timor-Leste  
November 3, 2016**

**Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and thanks for presentation of the National report.

We commend the commitment and determination of Timor-Leste to meet its international obligations in implementation of recommendations made during the previous UPR cycle, in particular strengthening the judicial system through the building the capacity and qualifications of judiciary, as well as better ensuring the functioning of the Ombudsman for Human Rights and Justice.

However, as the report itself underlines, many significant challenges remain.

Ukraine would like to **recommend** to the Government of Timor-Leste:

- to submit all overdue reports to treaty bodies as soon as possible;
- to ratify the CRPD and the OPCAT;
- to ensure the implementation of already ratified international conventions in the spheres of women's and children's rights, including those related to combating violence against them;
- to consider the possibility of ensuring the implementation of the right to vote for Timorese migrant workers residing abroad;
- to ensure that all legal documents, including legislation and its draft, are available in both Tetum and Portuguese.

Thank you, Mr. President.





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26° PERÍODO DE SESIONES DEL EXAMEN PERIÓDICO UNIVERSAL  
3 de noviembre de 2016

**EPU Timor Leste (2')**

Damos la bienvenida a la delegación de Timor-Leste y agradecemos la presentación de su informe nacional.

Alentamos a Timor-Leste a incrementar los esfuerzos para presentar sus informes atrasados a los órganos de Tratados, así como a implementar las recomendaciones emanadas de éstos.

Expresamos nuestra preocupación por la ausencia de legislación que prohíba e impida la discriminación por motivos de orientación sexual e identidad de género, algo que afecta negativamente a las personas LGBT en distintas esferas de la vida pública y social.

Recomendamos a Timor:

- Reconocer la legitimidad de la labor de los defensores de DDHH y darles protección, así como evitar las detenciones arbitrarias y represalias, investigar las amenazas o ataques contra ellos y llevar a sus responsables ante la justicia.
- Garantizar el acceso a la justicia para toda la población y especialmente por parte de las víctimas de violencia sexual y de género,
- Fortalecer el Estado de Derecho poniendo en conformidad la legislación nacional con el Estatuto de Roma de la CPI; reforzando los mecanismos de rendición de cuentas y garantizando que la legislación, proyectos de legislación, y otros documentos jurídicos estén a disposición de la población.
- También, Uruguay recomienda adherirse o ratificar según corresponda:
  - el Protocolo Facultativo del Pacto Internacional de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales y aceptar sus procedimientos de investigación y de comunicaciones entre Estados.
  - la Convención Internacional para la protección de todas las personas contra las desapariciones forzadas.
  - la Convención sobre la Imprescriptibilidad de los Crímenes de Guerra y de los Crímenes de Lesa Humanidad, sin formular reservas,
  - la Convención de los Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad.

Muchas gracias

## **PHILIPPINES**

### **UPR of Timor Leste**

### **26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

### **Human Rights Council**

**03 November 2016**

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Timor Leste and the presentation of its second national report. The Philippines also welcomes the inclusive process in the preparation of its national report, including the thorough consultations among line ministries at the national and municipal levels.

My delegation appreciates the various efforts of Timor Leste in addressing gender inequality and domestic violence, including the enactment of several domestic laws and public awareness campaigns in this regard. My delegation encourages Timor Leste to remain committed in confronting the patriarchal system, which is identified in its national report as a factor in preventing women from obtaining opportunities, causing them to face discrimination and be victims of domestic violence in their homes.

We laud Timor Leste's ratification of ICMRW and several ILO fundamental conventions on workers' rights. We encourage Timor Leste to comply with its initial reporting obligation to four human rights treaty bodies.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Consider ratifying ILO Convention 189; and
2. Provide adequate funding and human resources to its national human rights institution to enable it to fully implement its mandate; and

We wish Timor Leste success in the implementation of its accepted UPR recommendations. Thank you, Mister President. END



**PERMANENT MISSION OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE**

**26<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR working group**

**Review of Timor-Leste**

03 November 2016

Thank you Mr. President,

Afghanistan would like to extend a warm welcome to distinguished delegation of Timor-Leste to the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR working group and congratulates the presentation of the comprehensive national report of Timor-Leste.

Afghanistan commends the efforts of the Government of Timor-Leste in implementation of the recommendations received in its last UPR review.

Afghanistan values the endeavours of the Government of the Timor-Leste in institutionalization of human rights through legal frameworks. We believe that efforts on institutionalization and legal frameworks for improvement of human rights are the best ways to achieve human rights related goals.

While encouraging the efforts of the Government of Timor-Leste; Afghanistan wishes to recommend the Government of Timor-Leste to accelerate the process of drafting and ratification of the Law on victim's reparations as well as the establishment of the memorial institution as per the National Parliament action plan.

Afghanistan once again would like to thank the delegation of Timor-Leste for the comprehensive presentation of their national report and calls up on the member states to adopt the national report of Timor-Leste.

Thank you Mr. President



Mission Permanente  
République de l'Angola  
Genève

## Intervention de la République de l'Angola

Monsieur le Président,

L'Angola félicite la délégation de la République-Unie de la Tanzanie pour la présentation de son rapport sur le deuxième cycle de l'Examen Périodique Universel-

L'Angola se réjouit du fait que la Tanzanie ait acceptée la plupart des recommandations lors son Examen et de les avoir incorporées dans le Plan d'action national en faveur des droits de l'homme.

En outre, l'Angola a pris note de l'amélioration de l'accès au système éducatif et de l'augmentation notable du nombre de femmes occupant des postes de décision.

L'Angola salut la détermination de la Tanzanie à mettre effectivement en application la Loi et le plan d'action national pour la lutte contre la traite des personnes que le pays a adopté.

Cependant, non obstant les efforts déployés par le gouvernement de Tanzanie, dans tout ces domain nous avons constaté que les mutilations génitales féminines, ainsi que la situation des personnes atteintes d'albinisme sont encore un sujet de préoccupation.

Pour conclure, l'Angola souhaite succès à la Tanzanie pour mettre en œuvre les recommandations, et demande au Conseil l'adoption du rapport.

Je vous remercie.



## Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 26th Session

### Universal Periodic Review of Timor-Leste

#### Statement by Australia

Australia would like to acknowledge and congratulate Timor-Leste on the progress it has made since its first UPR session, particularly its advancements in human development.

Australia notes Timor-Leste's concerted effort to address gender based violence, primarily through implementing the 2010 Domestic Violence Law. **Australia recommends Timor-Leste designate a central high level agency responsible for implementing the National Action Plan on Gender Based Violence and ensure adequate budget is allocated to seriously tackle widespread and intergenerational rates of child abuse and violence against women.**

Australia commends Timor-Leste's efforts to realise economic and social rights, but we remain concerned that 42 percent of Timor-Leste's population live below the poverty line, with 49.2 percent of children who are stunted and 32.4 percent underweight. **Australia recommends Timor-Leste increase the percentage of overall government spending dedicated to health and education.**

Australia is a strong supporter of international efforts to combat and reduce statelessness. **Australia recommends Timor-Leste accede to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.**

Australia welcomes Timor-Leste's National Action Plan for People with Disabilities, however we remain concerned it has not yet been executed. We encourage the government to implement this plan as a high priority. **Australia recommends Timor-Leste implement its commitment under the first UPR to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ensuring the rights and voices of people with a disability lead this process.**

**BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

**Review of Timor-Leste  
26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

**Geneva, 3 November 2016**

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Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam warmly welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste, led by H.E. Mr. Ivo Jorge Valente, Minister of Justice, to this 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group, and thanks him for the presentation earlier.

Brunei Darussalam is pleased to note that the Government of Timor-Leste has approved a National Policy for the inclusion and promotion of the rights of Persons with Disabilities and welcomes the establishment of a National Action Plan 2014 – 2018.

In this regard, we **recommend** that the Government of Timor-Leste take steps to ensure that vulnerable groups, especially children with disabilities, continue to gain access to free education in an inclusive learning environment.

It is worthy to note that Timor-Leste has made steady progress in its health system over the past decade. However, we acknowledge that challenges remain.

Brunei therefore **recommends** that Timor-Leste continue its efforts to ensure that its people have access to healthcare services, especially in rural areas.

Finally, Brunei Darussalam would like to wish Timor-Leste every success in this UPR session.

Thank you.

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**UPR – Timor-Leste – 3 November 2016**

**STATEMENT by BULGARIA**

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Timor-Leste.

My delegation commends the Government of Timor-Leste for its achievements in the area of human rights since the country's independence in 2002. We note with satisfaction that most of the human rights treaties have been ratified by the country.

Bulgaria expresses the appreciation of the establishment of the National Directive Commission with the main objective to design and draft the Human Rights National Action Plan and the National Action Plan on Children.

At the same time, we are concerned by different manifestations of violence and discriminations against women which affect their social, economic, cultural and political rights. Bulgaria shares the concerns of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and joins his recommendation to the Government of Timor-Leste to finalize the adoption of a National plan of action on gender-based violence and human trafficking. In this regard my delegation appreciates the efforts of the Government to improve the situation of women including through the Dili Declaration „Invest in women and children- invest in Equality“.

Bulgaria recommends Timor-Leste:

1. to issue a standing invitation to special procedure mandate holders
2. to consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

We wish Timor-Leste success.

Thank you!



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## UPR 26, November 3, 2016 Recommendations by Canada for Timor-Leste's UPR

Canada welcomes the legislative steps taken by Timor-Leste to protect and promote women's rights, including changes to the civil and labour codes.

Canada recommends that Timor-Leste:

1. Implement the National Action Plan against sexual and gender-based violence, including by improving access to justice for victims, providing targeted training and capacity-building to law enforcement and judicial officials, and dedicating sufficient resources to enable key ministries to implement the Action Plan and increase coordination;
2. Bring the Civil Code into full conformity with its international obligations and commitments, including the *Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women*, to ensure that civil partnerships and *de facto* non-traditional or non-Catholic marriages are recognized by the Civil Code and that women have equal rights as men in matters of inheritance and land ownership;
3. Enact comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation to ensure that everyone, including those under 18, is protected in accordance with the *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Human Trafficking*; and
4. Ratify immediately the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*, and establish the planned National Council on Disability after, rather than prior to, ratification to ensure a speedy ratification process.

### Observations

Canada is concerned about the high rate of domestic violence in Timor-Leste, and the many problems that victims of rape and sexual abuse continue to face when seeking access to justice.

We are also concerned about the lack of anti-discrimination legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex status in all areas of public life, including health care, education and housing.



MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES  
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## **26ª SESIÓN DEL EXAMEN PERIÓDICO UNIVERSAL**

### **Timor-Leste**

#### **Intervención de Chile**

Ginebra, 3 de noviembre de 2016

Sr. Presidente,

Chile agradece a la delegación de Timor-Leste y valora los esfuerzos realizados para ampliar el marco de protección de los derechos humanos.

Destacamos en particular las iniciativas orientadas a fortalecer la capacidad institucional a fin de abordar obligaciones internacionales en materia de derechos humanos, entre ellos, la elaboración de un Plan Estratégico para el sector Justicia y la Declaración de Dili, suscrita por el Parlamento, el Gobierno, la Iglesia y la sociedad civil para garantizar igualdad de oportunidades a mujeres, niños y niñas.

Chile formula las siguientes recomendaciones:

- 1.- Reforzar la formación a la policía sobre las normas y estándares de derechos humanos, incluyendo los procedimientos utilizados durante las operaciones de seguridad.
- 2.- Proseguir las consultas tendientes a establecer un Consejo Nacional para la Defensa de los Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad y elaborar una estrategia clara e integrada sobre las necesidades de rehabilitación.
- 3.- Reforzar el marco legal a fin de garantizar la igualdad de género y prohibir la discriminación por motivos de orientación sexual e identidad de género.

Muchas gracias.

中国代表团在国别人权审查工作组  
第 26 次会议审查东帝汶时的发言  
( 2016 年 11 月 3 日下午 )

主席先生：

中国代表团欢迎东帝汶代表团建设性参加国别人权审查。

中国赞赏东帝汶致力于推动经济社会发展，在保障人民住房、粮食、健康、教育、就业权利等方面采取一系列积极举措，在消除家庭暴力、消除针对妇女歧视等方面取得了长足进展。中方欢迎东帝汶制定《2014—2018 年残疾人国家行动计划》，并就保护儿童、保障粮食安全等问题制定国家行动计划。

中方愿向东帝汶提出三项建议：一是制定《国家人权行动计划》，进一步推动本国人权事业发展。二是推进司法体制改革，继续减少每年未结案件数量。三是继续发展卫生事业，更好地保障人民健康权。

谢谢主席先生。

**Intervención de la Representante Permanente de Cuba, Embajadora Anayansi Rodríguez Camejo, en ocasión del examen de Timor-Leste. 26º período de sesiones del Grupo de Trabajo del EPU. 3 de noviembre de 2016.**

Señor Presidente

Damos una cordial bienvenida a la distinguida delegación de Timor-Leste y le damos las gracias por la presentación del informe nacional.

Timor-Leste es un pequeño país en desarrollo con importantes desafíos, pero que ha mostrado su voluntad de hacer todo lo posible por promover y proteger los derechos humanos. Destacamos lo alcanzado en materia de educación y salud, ámbitos en los que Cuba ha brindado su aporte solidario. Asimismo, destacamos las actividades para luchar contra la violencia doméstica mediante la Ley de Lucha contra la Violencia Doméstica y un plan de acción nacional contra la violencia de género.

Por otra parte, resaltamos la creación, por la Resolución del Gobierno número 1/2014, de una Comisión Nacional de Lucha contra el Trabajo Infantil para hacer efectivo el Convenio No. 182 de la OIT y vigilar su aplicación

Recomendamos a Timor-Leste:

1. Culminar la elaboración de un Plan de Acción Nacional para la Infancia y uno de Derechos Humanos.
2. Continuar implementando la Declaración de Dili, titulada “Invertir en las mujeres y en los niños – invertir en la igualdad”, suscrita por el Parlamento Nacional, el Gobierno, la Iglesia y la sociedad civil.

Deseamos éxitos a Timor-Leste en su examen e instamos a la comunidad internacional a apoyar los esfuerzos del país en la promoción y protección de los derechos humanos.

Muchas gracias.

Human Rights Council  
UPR 26th Session

UPR of Timor-Leste, 3 November 2016

Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste and thanks it for its presentation today. We would like to commend Timor-Leste for its constructive engagement in the UPR process and for having demonstrated progress in the protection and promotion of human rights since its last review.

Denmark is pleased to note that Timor-Leste is a signatory to the UN Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment since 2005.

We also welcome that Timor-Leste during its first UPR accepted recommendations to ratify the Optional Protocol and hope that the government will take the necessary steps of ratification. We would be grateful if the delegation of Timor-Leste would elaborate on status and prospects for final ratification of the instrument.

Denmark recommends that the Government of Timor-Leste ratifies the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.

We wish you a successful UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President.

26<sup>ème</sup> session du Groupe de travail de l'Examen périodique universel

(31 octobre - 11 novembre 2016)

Timor-Leste

Intervention du Représentant Permanent de la France

Genève, le jeudi 3 novembre 2016 (après-midi)

Merci, Monsieur le Président. Je voudrais tout d'abord saluer \* ainsi que la délégation de Timor-Leste.

La France souhaite faire les recommandations suivantes au Timor-Leste:

- Renforcer son arsenal juridique en adhérant à la Convention Internationale contre les disparitions forcées, à la Convention relative aux droits des personnes handicapées et veiller à ce que le droit national soit en conformité avec les dispositions du Statut de Rome de la Cour pénale internationale ;
- Poursuivre les efforts en matière de lutte contre les violences faites aux femmes et de promotion de l'égalité femmes-hommes, y compris en menant des programmes de sensibilisation de l'opinion publique sur le sujet ;



- Mettre la nouvelle loi sur les médias en conformité avec les normes internationales, et veiller en particulier à ce qu'elle ne porte pas atteinte au travail des journalistes, à la liberté d'expression et au droit à l'information des habitants ;
- Assurer que les violations commises par des membres des forces de sécurité font l'objet de poursuites judiciaires ;
- Poursuivre les efforts entrepris dans la protection des enfants contre les violences, négligences et abus, en adoptant notamment le Code des enfants, et veiller à ce que la stratégie nationale pour la protection des enfants 2011-2030 soit mise en œuvre de manière efficace.

Je vous remercie./.



Permanent Mission  
of the Federal Republic of Germany  
to the Office of the United Nations and  
to the other International Organizations  
Geneva

**United Nations Human Rights Council  
26th Session of the UPR Working Group  
Geneva, 3<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

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**German national statement  
Timor-Leste**

Mr. President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste to the UPR and thanks for the national report.

We commend Timor-Leste on the progress made, in particular with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities. We welcome the adoption of a national policy and the drafting of a National Action Plan on Persons with Disabilities. Nevertheless, Germany regrets that Timor-Leste has not yet ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Germany is concerned that violence against women in Timor-Leste remains wide spread and that domestic laws still do not fully align with CEDAW. We appreciate the drafting of a new National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence and hope that it draws on lessons from the evaluation of the previous one.

During the 2012 UPR Timor-Leste committed to prevent human rights violations by security forces. However, we are deeply concerned about reports of torture, excessive use of force, mistreatments, demolition of property and arbitrary arrests by military and police forces, especially during police and military operations against the Maubere Revolutionary Council in 2015.

Germany offers the following recommendations to Timor-Leste:

1. Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities without further delay.
2. Effectively implement laws concerning sexual and gender-based violence by providing the human, financial and institutional resources necessary and assure conformity of domestic laws, policies and practices with Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
3. Take effective measures to prevent human rights violations by the military and security forces, such as further training and establishing more transparent mechanisms for investigating violations.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Déclaration d'Haiti

26ème Session de l'EPU

TIMOR-LESTE

3 novembre 2016

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

The Haitian delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Timor-Leste and thank them for the presentation of their second national report.

We take note of the progress made between the two cycles, in particular, access to justice, access to basic health services, and access to the formal job market .

**The Haitian delegation wishes to make six recommendations:**

**1 / Set the age of marriage in law and in practice to a minimum of 18 years for both sexes, with no exceptions, traditional or otherwise, and raise public awareness of this law;**

**2 / Establish permanent courts in all 13 municipalities to increase access to justice, particularly in rural areas;**

**3 / Establish a national action plan, with view of implementation, with the special mandate of keeping girls in school, particularly in rural areas, providing for their specific needs and helping them reach secondary education;**

**4 / Double investments in agriculture to protect sources of water, replenishing farmers with seeds, improving exports, vaccinating livestock and poultry, and encouraging a more nutritious and diverse diet;**

**5 / Increase support for programs and initiatives by strengthening partnerships with relevant stakeholders, United Nations programs and civil society working to introduce family planning in rural areas;**

**6 / Study the introduction of a universal basic income for all citizens of Timor-Leste over 18, without preconditions, with payments made from the interest on investments accrued from oil royalties;**

**In conclusion, the Haitian delegation wishes the government and people of Timor-Leste continued success and just progress.**

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA  
AT THE 26<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UPR CONSIDERATION  
OF THE REPORT OF TIMOR LESTE  
Geneva, 3 November 2016**

Mr. Vice President,

Indonesia warmly welcomes the presentation of the national report by the delegation of Timor Leste and appreciates the explanation provided. Indonesia would also like to thank Timor Leste for accepting all of our recommendations during the 1<sup>st</sup> UPR cycle, in 2011.

As two neighboring countries, Indonesia and Timor Leste share the past and jointly embrace the future. Indonesia, on its part, is fully committed to a forward-looking bilateral relation with Timor Leste. Through this UPR process, Indonesia and Timor Leste have both exchanged constructive recommendations and positive contributions to improve the promotion and protection of human rights in both countries.

Indonesia commends Timor Leste's endeavors to further implement the two countries' Commission of Truth and Friendship recommendations. Equally, Indonesia also compliments Timor Leste's achievement in maintaining the "A" status of its NHRI and its commitment to strengthen the judicial system. We welcome the new draft law on human trafficking which has been submitted to Timor Leste's Parliament for approval.

Mr. Vice President,

My delegation would like to further recommend the followings to the Government of Timor Leste:

1. To expedite the process for ratifying the CRPD in line with Timor Leste's National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities 2014-2018;
2. To consider adopting an integrated national human rights action plan as a general guidance and point of reference for various thematic national action plans.

To conclude, we wish the Government of Timor Leste the very best in its future endeavours to promote and protect human rights in Timor Leste.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.



Permanent Mission of Italy to the  
International Organizations in Geneva

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## **UPR – Timor-Leste**

**3 November 2016**

Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Timor-Leste and thank them for their national report and presentation.

Italy welcomes the effort that Timor-Leste is carrying out to comply with international human rights law and **recommends** to further enhance such an effort by continuing the ratification process of the main international instruments.

As for equality and non-discrimination, Italy welcomes the Dili Declaration “Invest in women and children – invest in Equality” as well as the following Government’s commitment to implement a gender action plan for all the municipalities of Timor-Leste and we **recommend** to continue in reviewing the legislation having discriminatory consequences on women.

Italy considers the promotion of children’s rights as an important priority. We took note of the Timor-Leste’s Strategic Development Plan 2011 – 2030 aimed at providing information about the negative impact on local communities of early marriage. We **recommend** to strengthen the measures for the protection of the rights of the child, also in order to prevent the practice of early marriage.

We wish Timor-Leste a successful UPR.

I thank you.



**Statement by the delegation of the Lao PDR  
At the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of UPR Working Group  
Geneva, 31 October 2016 – 11 November 2016**

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Review of Timor-Leste: 3 November 2016, at 14:30 - 16:00 hours

Mr. President,

The Lao delegation welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste to the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and would like to thank for the comprehensive presentation on the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

My delegation commends Timor-Leste's efforts to further promotion and protection of human rights by taken necessary measures to implement the recommendations accepted during last UPR review. In particular, we commend efforts undertaken to combat domestic violence, gender disparity and addressing human trafficking by strengthening its judicial system in order to protect the rights of the vulnerable groups including women and children.

Lao PRD also notes measures under taken by the Government of Timor-Leste to enhance the rights of person with disabilities; we encourage the Government of Timor-Leste to continue its efforts to ratify the International Convention on the Rights of Person with Disability in due course.

My delegation wishes to make following recommendations to consider by the Government of Timor-Leste:

1. Enhancing women's empowerment and greater represent women in decision-making sectors, and
2. Ensuring the rights to access to quality of education for vulnerable groups people including women and children.

We wish Timor-Leste every success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President

كلمة الوفد الليبي أمام الفريق العامل المعني بالاستعراض الدوري الشامل  
للدورة الـ 26، تيمور ليشتي، الخميس الموافق 3 نوفمبر 2016 .

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شكراً السيد الرئيس،،

نرحب بوفد تيمور ليشتي الموقر، ونشكره على المشاركة الفاعلة في عملية  
الاستعراض الدوري الشامل، الأمر الذي يعكس الرغبة في التفاعل الإيجابي مع هذه  
العملية.

نشيد بالجهود التي بذلتها تيمور ليشتي في تنفيذ العديد من التوصيات التي قبلتها  
خلال الجولة الأولى من الاستعراض في سياق تعزيز احترام حقوق الإنسان وسيادة  
القانون.

ونود التقدم بالتوصيتين التاليتين :

1 / مواصلة الجهود بشأن رفع كفاءة أفراد الشرطة وقوة الدفاع في ميدان حقوق  
الانسان.

2 / الاستمرار في تعزيز السياسات والبرامج المعنية بتوفير فرص التعليم لجميع  
الأشخاص، وكذلك المعنية بمحو الأمية.

وفي الختام تمنى لتي مور ليشتي التوفيق والنجاح في جهودها في ميدان تعزيز  
حقوق الإنسان .

وشكرا السيد الرئيس،،





## INTERVENTION DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE MADAGASCAR

### 26<sup>ème</sup> **session de l'Examen Périodique Universel**

Jeudi 3 novembre 2016 de 14h30 à 18h

(Durée : 2mn)

44<sup>ème</sup> position

### Examen du rapport de Timor Leste

Monsieur le Président,

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à la délégation de Timor-Leste et la félicitons pour la présentation de son deuxième rapport national. Le rapport relate les réalités et les **avancées significatives de ce pays en matière de droits de l'homme** après le premier examen en 2011.

Madagascar se réjouit des efforts consentis par le Timor-Leste pour honorer son **engagement à l'égard des instruments internationaux des droits de l'homme** et se félicite de l'adoption du Code de travail qui garantit l'égalité de chances et l'égalité de traitement dans l'emploi.

Madagascar salue les progrès réalisés par le Timor Leste sur les plans normatifs et **institutionnels en vue de la promotion et de la protection des droits de l'homme** ainsi que des progrès réalisés dans les domaines socio-économiques et culturels.

Nous souhaitons formuler les recommandations suivantes à l'égard de Timor Leste :

- améliorer la couverture et la qualité des services de santé et **mettre en œuvre le plan national d'action en faveur des personnes handicapées** ;
- ratifier la Convention relative aux droits des personnes handicapées ;
- **accélérer la mise en place d'un plan d'action national relatif à la violence sexiste** ainsi que des plans d'action en faveur des femmes et des personnes handicapées.

Nous encourageons le Gouvernement de Timor Leste à poursuivre ses efforts afin de **consolider les acquis dans l'amélioration de** la situation des droits humains et nous **sollicitons l'appui de la communauté internationale** pour l'accompagner dans ses efforts.

Madagascar souhaite plein succès au Timor Leste pour cet examen.

Je vous remercie.



**Statement by Mr. Zahid Rastam, Deputy Permanent Representative  
Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations Office and Other  
International Organizations in Geneva  
Review of the State of Timor-Leste  
26<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council  
31 October - 9 November 2016**

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Thank you Mr. President,

My delegation congratulates the delegation of Timor-Leste for the successful presentation of the report.

2. Malaysia acknowledges the developments in the promotion and protection of human rights in Timor-Leste. Among others, Malaysia notes that concrete efforts have been undertaken by the Government of Timor-Leste to strengthen its judicial system, overcome discrimination and violence against women, and reduce unemployment in the country. My delegation is encouraged to learn about the positive results from the implementation of mobile courts, which have improved access to justice for people living in remote areas and expedite the resolve of pending cases in those areas. Malaysia also commends the openness demonstrated by Timor-Leste in reaching out and receiving technical assistance bilaterally, regionally and internationally towards the fulfilment of human rights in the country.

3. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to propose the following **three** recommendations for the consideration of Timor-Leste:

- 4.1 **One:** intensify efforts in recognizing and highlighting the contribution of women to national economic, social and political development, uplifting women from poverty, and providing victims with adequate protection and recourse to justice in cases of violence against women;
- 4.2 **Two:** continue to implement and increase the effectiveness of national policies on persons with disabilities, including on access to education, access to public services, work opportunities, as well as adequate training and awareness programs to mainstream the rights of persons with disabilities to the public; and
- 4.3 **Three:** combat all forms of violence and exploitation against children including incest, human trafficking and human organ trafficking, ensure their access to justice, and provide rehabilitation of victims into the society.

I thank you, Mr. President.

**GENEVA  
3 November 2016**

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Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives  
to the United Nations Office at Geneva

**26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review  
31<sup>st</sup> October – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Geneva**

**Review of Timor-Leste  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**

Statement by:

Her Excellency Dr Hala Hameed, Ambassador |

Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives warmly welcomes the delegation from Timor-Leste to this review, and we express our appreciation for today's presentation and the national report.

The Maldives commends Timor-Leste on the measures undertaken by the Government to implement the recommendation from their previous UPR cycle especially those concerning birth registration leading to better child protection and social services. As a Small Island Developing State, structural challenges remain a hinderance to holistic and sustainable development, especially in light of the country's turbulent past. The Government's continued commitment to strengthening its Ombudsman for Human Rights and Justice (PDHJ) is essential to ensure the rule of law and the healing of Timore-Leste.

The Maldives makes the following recommendations, to the Government of Timore-Leste:

- 1) Continue its efforts to improve access to health care service
- 2) Finalize the creation and facilitating the functioning of a National Council for Persons with Disabilities

To conclude, we wish to commend Timor- Leste for having made improvements in literacy through non-formal education, while continuing to strive to improve formal education as well.

The Maldives wishes the delegation from Timor-Leste every success during this review.

Thank you Mr. President.



**26<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group  
Mongolia's statement at the Review of Timor-Leste  
03 November 2016**

Mr. President,

Mongolia warmly welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste to the UPR Working Group.

We commend Timor-Leste's commitment to constructively engage in the UPR process and the Special Procedures as well. We welcome the establishment of the National Directive Commission and commend the continued efforts to strengthen the institutional capacity and financial independence of the Ombudsman for Human Rights and Justice. We believe that the adoption of the Human Rights National Action Plan is an important step towards ensuring the rights of the people of Timor-Leste are upheld and protected.

Mongolia appreciates Timor-Leste's strong commitment and the concrete steps taken to promote gender equality, combat domestic violence, and protect the rights of children, youth and persons with disabilities. Yet we believe that the consistent efforts and effective monitoring mechanisms are important to achieve zero tolerance to injustices.

It is our concern that women, children and persons with disabilities, especially those from vulnerable groups, continue to face discrimination and exclusion in all areas of life, including employment, health services, education and access to legal assistance and justice in the country.

In this connection, Mongolia wishes to recommend Timor-Leste to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, further strengthen the judicial institutions and expand the use of mobile courts.

I thank you, Mr. President.

# **PERMANENT MISSION OF MONTENEGRO TO THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**November 3, 2016**

**Universal Periodic Review – 26<sup>th</sup> Session – Timor-Leste**

## **Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes distinguished delegation of Timor-Leste.

We warmly welcome the activities that the Government of Timor-Leste is undertaking towards developing National Human Rights Action Plan, as well as National Action Plan for Children. We commend the efforts for amending Constitution of Timor-Leste and other laws by including specific provision for the protection of children from discrimination, including with respect to children with disabilities and children born out of wedlock. However, certain groups of children, especially children of returnees, children who were not in possession of a baptism certificate, children with disabilities, continue to face de facto discrimination, most importantly with regard to access to education and other services. What activities does the Government of Timor-Leste intend to implement for ensuring equal access for all children to education and other services?

We noted CEDAW's concerns that neither the Constitution of Timor-Leste nor its ordinary legislation included a definition of discrimination against women in accordance CEDAW Convention. Does the Government of Timor-Leste intend to adopt a specific gender equality law for enabling women to have the chance to obtain equality in all sectors and not face discrimination?

Montenegro makes following recommendations:

- 1) to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
- 2) to extend standing invitation to all special procedure mandate holders.

Thank you.

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Statement by Myanmar Delegation  
26<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group of  
the State of Timor-Leste  
3 November 2016

**Mr. President,**

My delegation warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Timor-Leste. We thank them for its national report which highlights the efforts to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights as well as the implementation of the accepted recommendations received during the first UPR Cycle.

We acknowledge the measures taken by Timor-Leste to ensure the full enjoyment of the rights of persons with disabilities. We are encouraged to note that the National Action Plan for persons with disabilities (2014-2018) has been established and disability allowance has been launched to create favorable conditions for person with disabilities. In this regard, we would like to **recommend** that Timor-Leste continue utmost efforts to implement effectively National Action Plan for persons with disabilities.

We also welcome the important steps with regard to child rights, particularly the establishment of Commission on the Rights of Child to provide advocacy and to support the allocation of funds for child issues. Therefore, we **recommend** that Timor-Leste further strengthen its measures to protect children and youths from all forms of violence.

In conclusion, we wish the State of Timor-Leste a successful UPR.

**I thank you, Mr. President.**

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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of Timor-Leste during the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 3 November 2016**

Mr. President,

My delegation extends warm welcome to the delegation of Timor-Leste, and congratulates them for their comprehensive national report on the progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights. The culture of broad-based consultations among stakeholders in the implementation and reporting of human rights issues is encouraging.

We appreciate that various legislative, procedural and institutional measures taken by Timor-Leste for implementation of the pledges and recommendations made during the first UPR are bearing positive results. Obviously, the Government of Timor-Leste is putting sincere efforts in fulfilling its human rights commitments despite the socio-economic constraints and multiple development challenges. We particularly note the progress made in preparing and submitting the initial and periodic reports to various human rights treaty bodies. We take note that Timor-Leste has established a National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities, 2014-2018, and is in the process of developing a National Action Plan on Human Rights, and an Action Plan on Children's Rights. We also commend the efforts of the Government in combating discrimination and violence against women, and promoting gender equality for better enjoyment of human rights by all population.

While appreciating constructive engagement of Timor-Leste with the UN agencies and partner countries in the promotion and protection of human rights, we express our full sympathy to the call of technical and financial support from the wider international community in the implementation of its human rights obligations.

My delegation wishes the delegation of Timor-Leste all success in its current review, and makes the following recommendations:

1. Continue investing in women's empowerment and promoting their participation in all aspects of the State machinery.
2. Give continuity to strengthening of national human rights institutions and mechanisms.

I thank you.



## Universal Periodic Review 22 – Timor-Leste Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Thank you Mr. President,

The Netherlands thanks Timor-Leste for its comprehensive report. We welcome efforts undertaken by Timor-Leste to implement previously accepted UPR recommendations, incl. the implementation of a human rights training programme for police.

However, the Netherlands recommends Timor-Leste:

1. Firstly, to conduct immediate, impartial and exhaustive investigations into all allegations of excessive use of force, ill-treatment and arbitrary arrests by all law enforcement agencies, and strengthen accountability mechanisms,

2. Secondly, to step up efforts to reduce maternal mortality, by expanding coverage and quality of health-care services, goods and facilities focusing on maternal health care.

The Netherlands regret that reports of excessive use of force, ill-treatment and arbitrary arrest by police and military continue to be regular as noted by the Ombudsman<sup>1</sup>. Information on the investigations into these allegations and their outcomes is insufficiently available.

The Netherlands is worried about the fact that the maternal mortality rate remains one of the highest in the

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<sup>1</sup> Compilation of UN information, A/HRC/WG.6/26/TLS/2, P. 6, <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G16/184/71/PDF/G1618471.pdf?OpenElement>

region, often because health facilities are not well equipped or too far away. We therefore welcome the draft 2016 – 2019 Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care Plan of Action. In this context, we also note that health facilities can also play an important role in ensuring that family planning services are available.

Thank you, Mr. President.



Mr President,

New Zealand warmly welcomes the delegation from Timor-Leste and notes encouraging progress since the last UPR. New Zealand is committed to continuing our support to Timor-Leste in the areas of peace and security, education and economic development.

Access to education for all has nearly been achieved in Timor-Leste. This is a significant milestone. We recommend that Timor-Leste increases its investment in education so that future generations are better able to engage in the social and economic development of the country and to further take steps to eradicate corporal punishment in schools.

Timor-Leste recognises that violence against women and children is unacceptably high. This is a significant issue for New Zealand to address at home as well. New Zealand recommends that Timor-Leste make urgent strides towards decreasing domestic violence by ensuring that laws, policies and practices in relation to domestic violence are in line with Timor-Leste's obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and ensuring law enforcement officials are provided with training to implement these laws.

We commend the Government of Timor-Leste for adopting a National Policy for the inclusion and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities in May 2012. We recommend that Timor-Leste finalises its ratification of the Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities, and actively address the needs of persons with disabilities especially in remote areas of the country.

Finally, New Zealand considers that the people of Timor-Leste have shown incredible strength and resilience since independence to move forward. New Zealand acknowledges Timor-Leste's efforts to date in implementing the recommendations of the Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation in East Timor (CAVR) and Commission of Truth and Friendship (CTF). New Zealand recommends Timor-Leste

continue to give priority to implementing the CAVR and CTF recommendations regarding victims' rights to justice, truth and reparations.

Thank you, Mr President.



## STATEMENT

# Universal Periodic Review (UPR): TIMOR-LESTE

by Human Rights Advisor Marius Mikkel Kjølstad  
Thursday 3 November 2016

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Norway welcomes the delegation from Timor-Leste and acknowledges Timor-Leste's efforts to improve the human rights situation in the country since their last UPR.

Gender equality is one of the most effective drivers of economic development, fair distribution, peace, and democracy. In this regard Norway recognises Timor-Leste's efforts in securing increased political participation for women, not only in parliament where more than a third of the parliamentarians are women, but also in adopting an election law that ensures representation of women also on local and regional ballots. Still, women unfortunately continue to suffer disproportionately from domestic abuse. Norway recommends that Timor-Leste ensure implementation of the second phase of the National Action Plan on Gender Based Violence and continue efforts to improve access to justice and shelter for victims of abuse. We further recommend that Timor Leste consider reviewing the provisions in its penal code which contain punitive measures against women who have undergone illegal abortions.

Free media is of great importance to ensure open and constructive dialogue. Norway recommends implementation of the Media Law in line with all obligations under international human rights law.

Norway gives high priority to promoting access to education as this, in addition to being a basic human right, is an absolute requirement for economic growth anywhere. We recommend that Timor-Leste continue efforts to increase the quality of and accessibility to education, including adequate resourcing of teacher training and oversight.

Timor-Leste is a young nation which has made tremendous achievements in a multitude of areas since its independence. Considering the country's history and the testimonies in the CHEGA!-report on past human rights abuses, Norway recommends that Timor-Leste prioritise and resolve past crimes, through accelerating the discussion and approval of draft laws on reparations and the memory institute.

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Statement by Pakistan for Timor-Leste UPR

3 November 2016

(26<sup>th</sup> Session of Working Group on UPR)

Mr. President

We thank the high-level delegation of Timor-Leste for the comprehensive presentation of their national report.

My delegation takes note with appreciation of the progress made by Timor-Leste in follow up to the first cycle of UPR that includes acceptance of recommendations and their implementation. The development of National Directive Commission to develop National Action Plan for Children is commendable. We appreciate the resolve of the government of the Timor-Leste to protect and promote human rights, which is manifested in the development of various national action plans and legislations such as Law against Domestic Violence.

My also note with appreciation the programs and policies of the government for social and religious harmony in the country.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to recommend:

- a. Timor-Leste to consider ratifying CRPD;

- b. To continue implementing policies to protect the rights of women and girls, including legal actions against violence and discrimination;
- c. To continue to implement policies for development of its people including measures to eradicate poverty and ensuring food security.

We, once again, thank the delegation of Timor-Leste for a comprehensive presentation of the National Report and wish them success during the UPR review.

I thank you.





**MISIÓN PERMANENTE DE PANAMÁ  
ANTE LA ONU Y OTROS ORGANISMOS INTERNACIONALES  
Ginebra**

**Intervención de Panamá en ocasión del 2º UPR  
República Democrática de Timor-Leste**

**Gracias Señor Presidente:**

Mi delegación agradece al Estado Parte por la presentación del informe y los felicita por la exposición oral realizada durante el diálogo constructivo por lo que, respetuosamente hacemos las siguientes recomendaciones:

- Considerar la ratificación de la Convención Internacional para la Protección de Todas las Personas contra las Desapariciones Forzadas y la Convención sobre los Derechos de las Personas con Discapacidad, lo que ayudará a potenciar el disfrute de los derechos humanos y libertades fundamentales en todos los aspectos de la vida.
- Elevar la edad mínima para contraer matrimonio a 18 años para los niños y las niñas, de conformidad con las recomendaciones generales núm. 31 y núm. 38 del Comité de la CEDAW y el Comité de los Derechos del Niño respectivamente adoptadas en 2014.
- Implementar acciones con un enfoque integral y preventivo con relación a los menores en conflicto con la ley por medio de medidas de justicia sustitutivas de privación de libertad, teniendo en cuenta programas diferenciados para niños y niñas en conflicto con la ley.

**Señor Presidente;**

Destacamos la creación del Grupo de Trabajo Interinstitucional sobre la trata, y el Proyecto de Ley presentado en el Parlamento Nacional sobre prevención, represión y sanción de la trata de personas, que se ocupa expresamente de los niños víctimas y testigos, por lo que alentamos al Timor-Leste, a seguir promoviendo y protegiendo los derechos humanos, y le auguramos éxitos durante su segundo ciclo de revisión.

**Muchas gracias...**



**26ª Sessão do Grupo de Trabalho do  
Mecanismo do Exame Periódico Universal**

(31 de Outubro a 9 de Novembro 2016)

Intervenção de Portugal

**Timor-Leste**

Senhor Presidente,

Portugal dá calorosas boas-vindas à delegação de Timor-Leste chefiada por Sua Excelência o Senhor Ministro da Justiça, Dr. Ivo Jorge Valente, e agradece a apresentação do 2º relatório perante o Grupo de Trabalho do Mecanismo do Exame Periódico Universal.

Portugal saúda o forte compromisso histórico de Timor-Leste com a causa dos direitos humanos e reitera a sua vontade de prosseguir uma cooperação estreita nesta e noutras áreas num espírito de parceria. Portugal felicita Timor-Leste pelos avanços alcançados no quadro institucional através nomeadamente da ratificação da maioria dos instrumentos internacionais de direitos humanos e do cumprimento das obrigações que destes decorrem. Neste contexto, gostaríamos de recomendar a Timor-Leste que submeta os relatórios devidos aos respectivos órgãos dos tratados.

Portugal congratula-se com o facto de Timor-Leste haver recebido visitas por parte de mandatários dos Procedimentos Especiais e recomenda que Timor-Leste emita um convite aberto a todos os mandatários de Procedimentos Especiais para visitarem o país.

Gostaríamos ainda de recomendar que Timor-Leste conclua o Código da Criança com a inclusão de disposições específicas para a protecção das crianças contra a discriminação, abuso, exploração, negligência e violência.

Recomendamos também que Timor-Leste ratifique o Protocolo Facultativo à Convenção Contra a Tortura e Outras Penas ou Tratamentos Cruéis, Desumanos ou Degradantes, bem como o Protocolo Facultativo ao Pacto Internacional sobre os Direitos Económicos, Sociais e Culturais, e ainda o Primeiro Protocolo Facultativo ao Pacto Internacional sobre os Direitos Cívicos e Políticos.

Por fim, Portugal gostaria de felicitar Timor-Leste pela forma exemplar como exerceu a Presidência da Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa, com um particular destaque conferido às questões de direitos humanos, e de agradecer toda a colaboração prestada ao longo destes últimos dois anos.

Muito obrigado, Sr. Presidente.

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**Statement of the Republic of Korea**

Mr. Vice President,

The Republic of Korea welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste and recognizes its efforts made over the years to improve the country's human rights situations. The Republic of Korea also commends the Timor-Leste's commitment to promoting and protecting human rights by establishing various human rights mechanisms since its independence.

My delegation would like to recommend Timor-Leste the following:

1. Extend a standing invitation to all Special Procedures mandate holders;
2. Effectively implement the National Action Plan on Human Rights to promote and protect the most vulnerable groups including women, children and persons with disabilities; and
3. Redouble its efforts to improve basic standard of living including health and education system.

My government has provided Timor-Leste with Official Development Assistance in the areas of health and education among others. The Republic of Korea stands ready to contribute to further improvement of basic infrastructure, which will improve human rights conditions of Timor-Leste. We wish Timor-Leste a successful review process.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President. /End/

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**Statement of the Sudan**

**Review of Timor-leste**

**Thursday 3 November 2016**

**Mr. President,**

**Sudan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Timor –Leste to this 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group and thanks the honorable Minister of Justice H. E Mr. Ivo Jorge Valente for the comprehensive presentation of the National report.**

**My delegation commends the commitments and positive engagement of Timor – leste to the Universal Periodic Review process and appreciates the positive steps taken since the last review in 2011.**

**We acknowledge the timor-leste efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its citizen as well as the ratification of the International Labor organization core conventions and ensuring access to education for all.**

**In conclusion my delegation would like to present to Timor- leste the following recommendations:**

**To consider ratifying the United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to continue its efforts to implement the National Action Plan on persons with disabilities 2014 -2018.**

**To exert further efforts to submit the periodic reports to the treaties bodies**

**To implement the National Action Plan on gender based violence and the national action plan for zero hunger.**

**We wish Timor-leste all the success in its review.**

