

**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TIMOR-LESTE (FIRST BATCH)**

**SLOVENIA**

- Slovenia is increasingly concerned with the impact of climate change, environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity on realization of human rights. Small developing island states are particularly vulnerable due to the disproportionate effects they are subject to. What measures is Timor-Leste taking to tackle the threat of the climate change and environmental degradation that can have a disproportionate effect on the realization of human rights?

**LIECHTENSTEIN**

- What steps has Timor-Leste taken to ratify the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression?
- What steps has Timor-Leste taken to ratify the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime?

**URUGUAY**

- De conformidad con la recomendación presentada en el ciclo pasado por Uruguay, que fuera aceptada por Timor-Leste, Uruguay agradecería contar con mayor información sobre el estado de las discusiones nacionales orientadas a la firma y la ratificación de la Convención internacional sobre los derechos de las personas con discapacidad.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

- The United States is concerned about Timor-Leste's effective enforcement of its 2017 Law on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Persons. In particular, we are concerned about the decreasing number of identified cases over the past few years, as well as timely prosecutions and convictions. What is Timor-Leste doing to ensure that its police officers and immigration officials are well-trained on the indicators of trafficking in persons? How is the government ensuring that investigations are well-conducted and that victims are protected and are not treated as criminals?
- While Timor-Leste's media freedom ratings have recently improved, the United States is concerned about multiple laws, including the Media Law passed in 2014, and preliminary information about a possible draft criminal defamation law from 2020, and their impact on freedoms of expression or association. Is the draft criminal defamation law still being considered? What is the status of the draft cyber bill?
- The United States is deeply concerned by overcrowding and inadequate medical care in Timor-Leste's prisons. How does the government plan to improve its facilities and care for prisoners?
- The United States is concerned by the lack of a general legal framework on children's rights, and widespread child labor. What is the status of the draft children's rights bill? What specific plans do you have to strengthen child labor protections throughout the country?
- The United States continues to receive reports from members of religious minority groups about discrimination in hiring for government positions and the lack of legal recognition for non-Catholic documents, such as marriage and birth certificates. What steps will the government take to address the inequities faced by members of religious minority groups and to ensure freedom of religion or belief for all? What is the status of the draft Civil Registration Code?

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TIMOR-LESTE (SECOND BATCH)**

### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- Can the Government of Timor Leste confirm that planned legislation to criminalise defamation will not pass into law?
- Can the Government of Timor Leste provide an update on the progress being made with the drafting and implementation of a National Human Rights Action Plan?
- What measures is the Government of Timor Leste putting in place to ensure an effective reparation mechanism for victims of past atrocities, including its accessibility for the most vulnerable, such as victims of gender-based violence, families of victims of enforced disappearance, and those living in remote areas?
- What steps will the Government of Timor Leste take to ensure officials are able to identify victims of human trafficking and to offer assistance to these victims?
- What plans does the Government of Timor Leste have in place to address reports of human rights violations being carried out by the police such as excessive use of force, ill-treatment and arbitrary arrest?

### **GERMANY**

- What measures has Timor-Leste taken to combat gender based violence?
- What steps has Timor-Leste taken to enhance the protection of children from violence as well as in the fight against child labour with a view to the legal framework as well as implementation?

### **PANAMA**

- In the second cycle, Panama recommended that Timor-Leste consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. What are the next steps for the completion of the ratification process?
- Could Timor-Leste please share more information regarding the provision of adequate support services to victims and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence?
- Timor-Leste, as a small island state, accounted for less than 0.003 per cent of global emissions but is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change such as rising sea levels and increased severe weather events, which posed a major threat to people's way of life, livelihoods and security. What steps are being taken to adopt and implement human rights-consistent adaptation and disaster risk reduction measures? Does Timor-Leste plan to sign the Declaration on Children, Youth and Climate Action?
- Does Timor-Leste intend to adopt in the future a general legal framework on children's rights and establish child protection mechanisms?
- Has Timor-Leste considered ratifying the Arms Trade Treaty, the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons?

## **BELGIUM**

- Is the government of Timor Leste considering the ratification of ILO Convention 138 (minimum age convention)? Which measures will the government of Timor Leste take to ensure awareness and the effective implementation of ILO Convention 182 on the worst forms of Child Labour?
- Which additional measures will the government of Timor Leste take in light of the high prevalence of gender based and domestic violence, including regarding ensuring access to justice and remedy for survivors?
- What measures will the government of Timor Leste take to improve access to education in rural areas, including with regards to providing adequate infrastructure?
- What efforts is the government of Timor Leste undertaking to reduce maternal mortality and ensure access to adequate sexual and reproductive health services, including antenatal, delivery and postnatal services, as recommended by the CEDAW Committee?
- What follow up has been given to the CEDAW committee's recommendations to ensure that women are not discriminated against in terms of inheritance and land ownership and that national land laws and policies do not defer to traditional systems for the practical administration of land?

### **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TIMOR-LESTE (THIRD BATCH)**

## **SPAIN**

- Does the Government plan to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and what are the next steps and timetable it envisages to do so?
- Does Timor-Leste plans to criminalize marital rape and incest as separate and autonomous offences?
- What concrete steps has the Government taken to investigate those responsible for torture and excessive use of force by security forces?
- What measures has Timor-Leste taken to combat discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, especially in schools and in rural areas?