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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
IN GENEVA

13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review  
Consideration of the National Report of the Republic of Indonesia  
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*Statement by Ambassador Joaquim da Fonseca*

Thank you Madam President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the delegation of Indonesia to the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR. Timor-Leste notes with satisfaction that many steps have been taken by the Government of Indonesia to improve the human rights situation in the country, particularly in connection to the accepted recommendations from the first cycle of the UPR.

Timor-Leste appreciates commitment Indonesia to take measures to combat impunity, and commend the Government of Indonesia for having taken legal measures to process cases of human rights abuses, including those involving members of the military forces.

Concerns have been raised with regards to expressions amounting to religious intolerance in Indonesia. We encourage the Government of Indonesia to taken actions to enhance religious tolerance and harmony among the vast and diverse society of Indonesia through existing Religious Harmony Forum both at the national and sub-national levels.

Timor-Leste welcomes with enthusiasm the signing of the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances and the scheduling of its ratification in the Human Rights Action Plan. We recommend that Indonesia continue its efforts to put in place the conditions for the eventual ratification of this convention in the near future. This step will represent an important milestone necessary for the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission of Truth and Friendship established between the Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

Thank you.