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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE TO
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Consideration of the National Report of the UK
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Statement by Ambassador Joaquim da Fonseca

Thank you Mr. President.

Timor-Leste welcomes the Delegation of the UK to the 13th Session of the UPR. We commend the UK for the improvements made since the last review. Policy and legislative measures taken in various Territories of the UK to tackle discrimination and hate crimes are welcomed, and their continuation encouraged.

We also welcome the proposal to abolish migrant workers visa, and the plan to provide protection for ODW from abuse. We would appreciate if the UK delegation could elaborate further on this plan.

Incidents have been documented of racially motivated assaults against migrant workers, and that working conditions of migrant workers are dire in some factories. In this regard, we would like to ask the following questions:

1. Are there any measures in place, besides protection from discrimination, to ensure the safety and physical integrity of migrant workers, due to their particular conditions of vulnerability.
2. Does the UK intend to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights All Migrant Workers and Their Families? If, what are the ~~measures~~ ^{steps} taken towards this end?

Thank you