



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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Review of the National Report of Ghana

Statement by

Ambassador Joaquim da Fonseca

Thank you Mdm. President,

We welcome the delegation of Ghana to the 14th Session of the UPR and thank them for their information.

Timor-Leste commends Ghana for the progress made in the improvement of human right protection and promotion since the 1st cycle of UPR. Since the last review, Ghana has made considerable progress in many areas, among others, in the improvements of prison conditions, combat of gender based violence, the eradication of harmful traditional practices, and measures against police brutality. The inclusion of traditional leaders in the eradication of harmful traditional practices and the criminalization of such harmful practices by Ghanaian beyond the borders of Ghana are particularly commendable.

Against this positive development, however, several stakeholder submissions called attention to a number of remaining issues, including brutality and excessive use of force by police.

We recommend that Ghana builds on its achievement and redouble its efforts to combat police brutality through administrative and judicial sanctions against perpetrators, training and education for serving police offices, and consider including relevant education materials in the training of new police cadets.

Human Rights

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curriculum