



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 the Republic of Korea

Statement by

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Thank you Mdm. President,

Timor-Leste extends a warm welcome the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Korea to the 14th Session of the UPR Working Group.

We note with satisfaction the steps taken to address gaps in the protection of human rights in Korea. Many of these steps were taken as a direct response to recommendations made during the first review, reflecting Korea's genuine interest and commitment to cooperate with the UN Human Rights system.

We wish to seek clarification on the following matters:

1. One of the measures taken to promote women's rights is to create jobs tailored to women. How does Korea see the risk of entrenching differentiation between women and men associated with this policy, instead of promoting equality with regards to employment?
2. Two important anti-discrimination draft bills submitted to the National Assembly expired with end of term of the 18th National Assembly. Are there any plans to resume the process with regards to the two draft bill?

Thank you.