



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

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New Zealand

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the delegation of New Zealand and their participation to the 18th session Working Group of the UPR.

Timor-Leste wishes to commend the comprehensive report which clearly illustrates the commitments to the cause of human rights both at the domestic and international levels.

In particular, we congratulate New Zealand for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography in 2011 and the launch in 2012 of the White Paper for Vulnerable Children, the Children’s Action Plan, as well as the introduction in 2013 of the Vulnerable Children Bill to give effects to the White Paper.

In this regard, Timor-leste wishes to recommend New Zealand:

- to continue its efforts in addressing the challenges regarding the improvement of the protection of children against abuse and neglect;
- to put in place further strategies and programmes focused on preventing children to violence in schools and families.

I thank you Mr. President