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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and thanks them for their participation to the 19th session of the UPR Working Group.

Timor-leste notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to implement most of the accepted recommendations during the last review held in 2009.

The revision of the national legislative framework and the adoption of a number of significant human rights laws are positive and substantive steps towards the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, Timor-Leste wishes to commend the recent promulgation of the Ordinance on the Enforcement of Universal 12-year Compulsory Education and the enactments of the Law on the Protection and Promotion of Child Rights and the Law on the Protection and Promotion of Women's Rights.

However, Timor-Leste takes this opportunity to make the following recommendations to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea:

- to make further efforts to enhance awareness of rights of women and children as contained in the newly adopted laws previously mentioned;
- to continue to fulfil its obligation under the international human rights instruments;
- to maintain constructive and cooperative dialogue in the field of human rights.

I thank you Mr. President.