



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

Statement on the Human Rights Council  
Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (WG-UPR)  
19<sup>th</sup> Session

**Democratic Republic of Congo**

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo and thanks them for their participation to the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group.

Timor-Leste takes note of the positive steps undertaken by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo with regards to the promotion and protection of human rights and its efforts to implement most of the accepted recommendations during the last review held in 2009.

Timor-Leste notes with appreciations that, despite challenges mainly due to armed conflicts, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo has concentrated its efforts on the promotion of good governance and peace. A number of human rights conventions have been ratified and special attention has been given to the improvement of the access to basic social needs by the Congolese population, especially in the fundamental areas of education and health.

However, Timor-Leste would like to make the three following recommendations to the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo:

- to ensure the effective implementation of free primary education throughout the country;
- to continue to combat human trafficking and violence against children and women;
- and, in this regard, to pursue in its efforts to improve its justice system and in its commitment to fight against impunity.

I thank you Mr. President.