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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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Statement on the Human Rights Council
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EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of Equatorial Guinea and thanks them for their participation to the 19th session of the UPR Working Group.

Timor-leste takes note of the positive steps undertaken by the Government of Equatorial Guinea 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.

In this regard, Timor-Leste would like to commend the reform of the Constitution approved in 2012 which, *inter alia*, enabled to strengthen the national legal human rights framework and to establish the Office of the Ombudsman. Considerable progresses have been made also in a number of fundamental areas, such as education, health and children's rights and the Government's commitment to fulfil the objectives as set in its National Economic and Social Development Plan for Horizon 2020 is part of a significant ongoing effort towards the promotion of human rights and the guarantee of social protection for citizens.

Timor-Leste takes this opportunity to make the following recommendations:

- to continue to actively seeking technical cooperation and assistance from the international community and development partners in order to effectively implement programmes and policies aimed at providing health services and quality education for all citizens;
- to maintain constructive and cooperative dialogue with the United Nation system in the field of human rights.

I thank you Mr. President.