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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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Norway

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of Norway and thank 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 Norway 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 a number of human rights conventions have been incorporated into national Norwegian law and that the Government's priorities focus especially on the protection of human rights of women and children.

While recognizing the progress attained, Timor-Leste notes that there are some areas that need further improvement.

In this regard, Timor-Leste therefore would like to recommend the three following recommendations:

- to ensure the respect of gender equality both in offices and in schools;
- To guarantee that both women and men are equally paid for their services;
- to pursue in its efforts to ensure that indigenous peoples enjoy their right to education.

I thank you Mr. President.