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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of Portugal 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 Portugal 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 would like to commend ^{the} Portuguese Government's efforts in implementing its human rights obligations throughout the financial crisis and, in this regard, the launch of a "Social Emergency Plan" in 2011, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable groups of the population

While recognizing that considerable progresses have been made in the area of women and children's rights, Timor-Leste takes this opportunity to make the following recommendations:

- to pursue in efforts aiming at preventing and combating gender-based violence, especially by providing trainings, awareness campaigns and assistance to victims;
- to continue to strengthen and provide further resources to the National Commission for the Protection of Children and Young people at risk in order to protect the rights of neglected and abused children.

I thank you Mr. President.