



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
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GUINÉ-BISSAU

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the delegation of Guiné-Bissau and congratulates them for their participation in the 21st session of the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review.

Timor-Leste would like to commend the Government of Guiné-Bissau for, since 2010, has ratified various international instruments demonstrating a strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.

We note with great satisfaction that Guiné-Bissau has already implemented a number of recommendations made in the first cycle, such as the approval of the Law against Domestic Violence, the criminalization of female genital mutilation and also the adoption of legal measures to combat human trafficking, including the adoption of a National Action Plan.

We would also like to congratulate Guiné-Bissau for its presidential and legislative elections that took place last year, which registered record numbers in terms of local participation. Guiné-Bissau once again demonstrated its commitment to democracy.

Timor-Leste takes this opportunity to recommend that Guiné-Bissau ratify the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.

Finally, Timor-Leste wishes Guiné-Bissau all the success in its Universal Periodic Review.

I thank you, Mr. President.