



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE  
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**KENYA**

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the members of the Delegation of Kenya and congratulates them for their participation to the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the UPR Working Group.

Timor-Leste takes note of the positive steps undertaken by the Government of Kenya with regards to the promotion and protection of human rights such as the adoption of a new Constitution in 2010 and the Counter Trafficking in Persons Act.

We also note the positive developments relating to women's and children's rights, in particular the enactment of the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act of 2011 and the review of the policy on female genital mutilation, therefore we take this opportunity to recommend that the Government of Kenya takes all measures to guarantee that this legal act is fully implemented.

To conclude, Timor-Leste would like to recommend the following:

- that Kenya ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
- that Kenya ensure that harmful practices and stereotypes that discriminate women are eliminated
- that Kenya continues to cooperate with the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court .

I thank you Mr. President.