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**KYRGYZSTAN**

Mr. President,

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

Timor-Leste notes with appreciation the establishment of the Human Rights Coordination Council, mandated to enforce implementation of international human rights obligations.

While acknowledging the efforts made in the area of women's rights, namely, the establishment of a National Council on Gender Issues, Timor-Leste remains concerned by the widespread violence against women, including domestic violence and bride kidnapping.

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

- Combat violence against women,
- Redouble efforts to increase women's participation in society, in particular by increasing the number of women in decision-making.
- Ratify the Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court

I thank you Mr. President.