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**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of Lao People's Democratic Republic and congratulates them for a comprehensive presentation of its National Report on this 21<sup>st</sup> session of the UPR Working Group.

Timor-Leste notes with appreciation the continuing efforts made by the Government to improve human rights situation in the country, in particular the Law on Development and Protection of Women.

Furthermore, we would like to take this opportunity to make two recommendations:

- Redouble efforts to ensure that children were not employed in situations that could be detrimental to their health, development or well-being.
- Establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles

Finally, Timor-Leste wishes the Government of Laos all the success in this Universal Periodic Review.

I thank you Mr. President.