



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

Mr. President,

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

Timor-Leste notes with appreciation the positive steps undertaken by the Government of Lesotho with regards to the promotion and protection of human rights, in which we highlight the enactment of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, the Children's Protection and Welfare Act and the adoption of the Education Act, providing for free and compulsory primary education.

Timor-Leste would like to commend the implementation of the Lesotho Child Grants Programme, which led to an increase in school enrolment rates as well as a decrease in child labour, in areas where the Programme had been rolled out.

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

- that Lesotho ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death
- that Lesotho establishes an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles
- that Lesotho ensures an inclusive education system, in order to allow all children to attend classes in particular pregnant girls.

I thank you Mr. President.