



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of Spain and congratulates them for their participation to the 21st session of the UPR Working Group.

Spain's engagement reaffirms its strong credentials on human rights issues. Timor-Leste commends Spain's efforts in addressing gender violence, however we note that several UN treaty bodies still express concern regarding this issue and therefore we recommend that Spain strengthen the measures to combat violence against women.

We note with appreciation the initiatives taken by Spain to combat human traffic^{gypsy} and to support its victims along with the adoption of the National Strategy for the Social Inclusion of the Gypsy Population 2012-2020.

To conclude, Timor-Leste would like to recommend the Government of Spain to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW).

I thank you Mr. President.