

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review 21th Session

TURKEY

Mr. President,

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

Timor-Leste notes with appreciation the positive steps undertaken by the Government of Turkey with regards to the promotion and protection of human rights, in which we highlight the efforts made to eliminate the worst forms of child labour.

While acknowledging the progresses made in the area of women's rights, inter alia, the adoption of the National Plan for Combating Domestic Violence Against Women, Timor-Leste remains concerned with the number of cases reporting violence against women. We therefore recommend that Turkey criminalizes domestic violence.

To conclude, Timor-Leste takes this opportunity to recommend the following:

- that Turkey determines a minimum wage to enable a decent standard of living.
- that Turkey ratifies the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

I thank you Mr. President.