



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
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Thank you Mr. President,

Timor-Leste welcomes H.E. _____
and his delegation, and commends them for the comprehensive report presented today.

Timor-Leste welcomes the measures undertaken by Bulgaria to improve its human rights situation, in which we highlight the creation of the Specialized Criminal Court to handle cases of corruption and organized crime.

While recognizing the progress made in the area of migrant's rights, we remain concerned about the report of incidents of violence based on anti-foreigner and anti-refugee sentiment, therefore Timor-Leste recommend Bulgaria to consider ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Migrant Workers.

In conclusion, Timor-Leste would like to offer two recommendations:

1. That Bulgaria strengthens its efforts to prevent domestic violence, particularly violence against women;
2. That Bulgaria considers the possibility of expressing its consent to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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