



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

Thank you Mr. President,

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

Timor-Leste notes with appreciation the efforts to promote women's rights such as the enactment of the 2006 Rape Law, and of the Bill for the Equal Participation of Women in the Political Process. We also applaud the Government of Liberia for signing the OP-CEDAW and recommend it to ratify it.

Nevertheless, Timor-Leste remains concerned about the reporting of several cases of sexual violence and recommend Liberia to strengthen its efforts in combating this practice by adopting a legal framework to address violence against women and by incorporating the principle of equality between women and men into the Constitution.

Finally, Timor-Leste wishes to recommend Liberia to increase public awareness campaigns against female genital mutilation.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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