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MALAWI

Thank you Mr. President,

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

Timor-Leste wants to commend Malawi for the adoption of the National Plan of Action for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children and encourage the Government to finalize it. We note with appreciation the adoption of the Plan of Action of the World Programme for Human Rights Education, demonstrating a strong willing of the country to implement human rights education and training programs.

Nevertheless, we remain concern about the persistence of violence against children as well as the prevalence of violence against women and we wish to offer the following recommendations:

- Ensure that measures are taken to expedite the enactment of the Gender Equality Bill, the Deceased Estates bill and the Marriage, Divorce and Family Relations Bill;
- Establish a definition of the child in accordance with the Convention of the Rights of the Child as well as incorporate the principle of the best interest of the child in its Constitution;
- Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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