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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 removal by the Parliament of the gender bar on running for presidency and the enactment of the Anti-Domestic Violence Act. We also applaud the Constitution's explicit prohibition of racial discrimination and recommend Maldives to enact the planned anti-discrimination act.

My delegation notes with appreciation that the National Plan of Action towards the Well-being of the Maldivian Child 2001-2010 aims to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS and we recommend that sufficient human and financial resources are allocated for its implementation.

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

- ~~Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol on Communication Procedure of the CRC~~
- Consider to withdraw the reservation made on article 16 to the CEDAW.
- Protection of the human rights defenders and ensure their right to exercise their work without restrictions.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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