



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

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of Australia and congratulates them for their participation at the 23rd session of the UPR Working Group.

Timor-Leste notes with appreciation on the progress made for the establishment of parliamentary joint committee on human rights, recommendations to refer explicitly to indigenous people in the constitution, and also on the establishment of the public online database regarding United Nations human rights mechanisms.

We acknowledge all the progress made by the Government of Australia; nevertheless Timor-Leste takes this opportunity to propose following recommendations:

- To encourage the Government of Australia to continue strengthen the access mechanisms to social services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.
- To encourage Australia to implement recommendations from the committee against torture.
- To encourage Australia to continue strengthening its efforts in promoting and protecting non-racial discriminatory policy and specifically also to ensure Aboriginal children have access to birth registration.

I thank you Mr. President.

Samuel Soares