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23<sup>rd</sup> Session

**AUSTRIA**

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the delegation of Austria and congratulates them for their participation to the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the UPR Working Group.

The longstanding commitment of Austria to protect and promote human rights is well noted.

Timor-Leste welcomes the adoption of the Federal Constitution Law on the Rights of Children, the designation of the Austrian Ombudsman as a national preventive mechanism as well as the adoption of the national action plan to fight trafficking in human beings.

Austria has a long tradition of policies aimed at promoting and protecting the rights of older people and Timor-Leste wishes to congratulate Austria for the rich variety of housing options for older people and tax incentives and subsidies to encourage developers to build accessible and appropriate housing for older people.

To conclude, Timor-Leste takes this opportunity to recommend the following:

- Encourages Austria to consider ratifying the ICRMW
- Adopting a comprehensive national human rights action plan

I thank you Mr. President.