

## PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review 23rd Session

## THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF NEPAL

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the members of the Delegation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal and congratulates for their participation in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UPR working group.

Timor-Leste would also like to congratulate Nepal for electing the first woman as the president in its political history.

Timor-Leste acknowledges Nepal's commitment to improve the Human Rights situation in the country and we note with appreciation of policies and program to promote gender equality, such as the National Strategy and Action Plan on gender empowerment and elimination of gender based violence.

We acknowledge the efforts made by the Government of Nepal; nevertheless, Timor-Leste would like to take this opportunity to make the following recommendations;

- o Nepal ratifies the ICRMW.
- o Encourages Nepal to continue to advocate for the principle of equality between men and women in the decision making.
- Finally, Nepal to finalize the revision of child act in order to set up coordination mechanisms related to cases of child victims trafficking.

I thank you Mr. President.