



**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  
23<sup>rd</sup> Session

**SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS**

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the members of the delegation of Saint Kitts and Nevis and congratulates them for their participation in the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the UPR Working Group.

Timor-Leste notes with appreciation for the adoption of the national poverty reduction strategy which outlines following key development pillars; reducing risk and enhancing social protection, enhancing technical and vocational education training program and strengthening social safety nets.

Timor-Leste appreciates the strong commitment made in passing a law on the maintenance of Children Act, including the tremendous progress made in the area of health, such as life expectancy, low infant mortality rates and maternal mortality is virtually non-existent.

In relation to women's leadership position in politics, Timor-Leste echoes the concerns raised by the Committee which indicated that women have not been equally represented in the political leadership position and there is only one woman in the parliament.

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

- To encourage the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis to ensure an equal participation between men and women in politics.
- To accede 1967 protocol relating to the status of refugees.

I thank you Mr. President.