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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
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MOÇAMBIQUE

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of Mozambique and thanks them for their participation to the 24th session of the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review.

Timor-Leste notes with appreciation the efforts and initiatives undertaken by the Government of Mozambique to improve the human rights situation in the country and we would like to commend Mozambique for having ratified the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families and for having adopted the new Penal Code in 2014 in order to strengthen the women and children's rights by including provisions on sexual violence and abuse.

Timor-Leste also praises Mozambique for establishing a National Commission on Human Rights.

Timor-Leste takes this opportunity to recommend that Mozambique ratifies the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Finally, Timor-Leste wishes Mozambique every success in this Universal Periodic Review.

Thank you Mr. President.