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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of Singapore and congratulates them for their participation at the 24th session of the UPR Working Group.

Timor-Leste welcomes the amendments made in the domestic legislation of Singapore strengthening the women and children's rights. We note with appreciation the creation of the National Family Violence Networking System and the establishment of the Inter-agency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons.

While acknowledging the progresses made by the Government of Singapore, Timor-Leste takes this opportunity to make the following recommendations:

- That Singapore considers establishing an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles;
- That Singapore considers incorporating into its legislation a definition of discrimination against women;
- That Singapore takes further steps to improve equality between women and men.

I thank you Mr. President.