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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the members of the Delegation of Thailand and congratulates them for their participation at the 25th session of the UPR Working Group.

Timor-Leste welcomes the Government's efforts to combat violence against women and domestic violence as well as the 2011 ministerial regulation that prohibited persons below the age of 18 from taking part in village defense training.

While acknowledging the progresses made by the Government of Thailand, Timor-Leste remains concerned about the inclusion of the death penalty in the new Anti-Corruption Law and therefore recommends that Thailand considers eliminating the clause that expands the use of death penalty for economic crimes.

Finally, my delegation would like to add one recommendation:

- That Thailand eliminates the legal provision that states that the age limit of marriage could be lowered to 13 years old in cases where children were sexually abused and could consequently marry the perpetrators.

I thank you Mr. President.