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The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Timor Leste and the presentation of its second national report. The Philippines also welcomes the inclusive process in the preparation of its national report, including the thorough consultations among line ministries at the national and municipal levels.

My delegation appreciates the various efforts of Timor Leste in addressing gender inequality and domestic violence, including the enactment of several domestic laws and public awareness campaigns in this regard. My delegation encourages Timor Leste to remain committed in confronting the patriarchal system, which is identified in its national report as a factor in preventing women from obtaining opportunities, causing them to face discrimination and be victims of domestic violence in their homes.

We laud Timor Leste’s ratification of ICMRW and several ILO fundamental conventions on workers’ rights. We encourage Timor Leste to comply with its initial reporting obligation to four human rights treaty bodies.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Consider ratifying ILO Convention 189; and
2. Provide adequate funding and human resources to its national human rights institution to enable it to fully implement its mandate; and

We wish Timor Leste success in the implementation of its accepted UPR recommendations. Thank you, Mister President. END