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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste and thanks it for its presentation today. We would like to commend Timor-Leste for its constructive engagement in the UPR process and for having demonstrated progress in the protection and promotion of human rights since its last review.

Denmark is pleased to note that Timor-Leste is a signatory to the UN Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment since 2005.

We also welcome that Timor-Leste during its first UPR accepted recommendations to ratify the Optional Protocol and hope that the government will take the necessary steps of ratification. We would be grateful if the delegation of Timor-Leste would elaborate on status and prospects for final ratification of the instrument.

Denmark recommends that the Government of Timor-Leste ratifies the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.

We wish you a successful UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President.