Déclaration d'Haiti

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Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

The Haitian delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Timor-Leste and thank them for the presentation of their second national report.

We take note of  the progress made between the two cycles, in particular, access to justice, access to basic health services, and access to the formal job market .

**The Haitian delegation wishes to make six recommendations:**

**1 / Set the age of marriage in law and in practice to a minimum of 18 years for both sexes, with no exceptions, traditional or otherwise, and raise public awareness of this law;**

**2 / Establish permanent courts in all 13 municipalities to increase access to justice, particularly in rural areas;**

**3 / Establish a national action plan, with view of implementation, with the special mandate of keeping girls in school, particularly in rural areas, providing for their specific needs and helping them reach secondary education;**

**4 / Double investments in agriculture to protect sources of water, replenishing farmers with seeds, improving exports, vaccinating livestock and poultry, and encouraging a more nutritious and diverse diet;**

**5 / Increase support for programs and initiatives by strengthening partnerships with relevant stakeholders, United Nations programs and civil society working to introduce family planning in rural areas;**

**6 / Study the introduction of a universal basic income for all citizens of Timor-Leste over 18, without preconditions, with payments made from the interest on investments accrued from oil royalties;**

**In conclusion, the Haitian delegation wishes the government and people of Timor-Leste continued success and just progress.**

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.