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**UPR – Timor-Leste**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Timor-Leste and thank them for their national report and presentation.

Italy welcomes the effort that Timor-Leste is carrying out to comply with international human rights law and **recommends** to further enhance such an effort by continuing the ratification process of the main international instruments.

As for equality and non-discrimination, Italy welcomes the Dili Declaration “Invest in women and children – invest in Equality” as well as the following Government’s commitment to implement a gender action plan for all the municipalities of Timor-Leste and we **recommend** to continue in reviewing the legislation having discriminatory consequences on women.

Italy considers the promotion of children’s rights as an important priority. We took note of the Timor-Leste’s Strategic Development Plan 2011 – 2030 aimed at providing information about the negative impact on local communities of early marriage. We **recommend** to strengthen the measures for the protection of the rights of the child, also in order to prevent the practice of early marriage.

We wish Timor-Leste a successful UPR.

I thank you.