**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

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**STATE UNDER REVIEW: TIMOR LESTE**

**(Intervention by Turkey)**

Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of Timor Leste and thank them for their substantive presentation.

Turkeyacknowledges the progress made by Timor-Leste since its independence in 2002. We note with appreciation the endeavours made thus far by the Government of Timor-Leste in the field of human rights and the achievements thereof.

Turkey encourages the Government of Timor-Leste to continue to build on its human rights achievements further increasing the effectiveness of the protection mechanism prescribed by the Code on Domestic Violence and ensure that all legislation adopted is in line with the international human rights standards.

Furthermore, we welcome the fact that Timor-Leste has received visits from a number of special procedure mandate holders.

We appreciate also that the authorities of Timor-Leste have established a birth registration system for newborn babies in the 12 municipilaties and have taken concrete steps to prepare a memorandum of understanding with hospitals to register children aged 0-5 across the entire territory.

Turkey encourages the Government of Timor Leste to strengthen its efforts for the promotion and protection of women’s rights in various fields.

Turkey would like to **recommend** the following:

1. Sign and ratify CRPD.
2. Extend a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.
3. Finalize the adoption of a national plan of action on gender-based violence.
4. Adopt a national plan of action for children’s rights and provide the National Commission for the Rights of the Child with necessary resources.
5. Continue to adopt measures to increase the rate of issuance of birth certificates, especially in rural areas, while introducing specific measures to register migrant children at birth.
6. Finalize and implement the Child and Family Welfare System Policy.

Finally, we wish Timor Leste all the success during its 2nd UPR.

I thank you Mr. President.