

**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

Universal Periodic Review

**Azerbaijan**

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Thank you, President/ Vice-President,

Timor-Leste commends the progress that Azerbaijan has made on human rights since its last Universal Periodic Review (UPR). This progress includes reforms to increase the number of lawyers in the country, expanding access to the court, and enhancing the efficiency of the judiciary.

Furthermore, my delegation welcomes the adoption of the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the adoption of the National Action Plan to Combat Domestic Violence 2020-2030, and the establishment of a support line for domestic violence.

In a constructive spirit, my delegation recommends Azerbaijan to:

* Continue strengthening efforts to guarantee the independence and the impartiality of the judiciary.
* Enhance support services for survivors of gender-based violence.

We extend our best wishes for a successful UPR review for Azerbaijan.

Thank you.