

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

Universal Periodic Review

**Tuvalu**

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Thank you, President/ Vice-President,

Timor-Leste commends the progress made by Tuvalu on human rights since its last UPR, including the enactment of the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Act 2014 and measures taken to address gender-based violence in the country, as well as the legislative measures taken to establish the Office of the Ombudsman as National Human Rights Institution.

My delegation also welcome the adoption of the National Food Strategy in 2022, which integrated the food system pathway, which would contribute to addressing food insecurity and the attainment of the right to an adequate standard of living.

In a constructive spirit, my delegation recommends Tuvalu to:

* Continue to strengthen efforts and measures to fully implement the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Act.
* Consider introducing temporary special measures to increase women’s participation in decision-making.
* Ensure the Office of Ombudsman complies with the Paris Principles.

We wish Tuvalu a successful review.

Thank you.