

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

Universal Periodic Review

Belize

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Thank you, Mr. President/ Vice-President,

Timor-Leste commends the progress made by Belize on human rights since its last UPR.

My delegation welcomes the adoption of the Domestic Violence in Belize Motion, which illustrates Belize's commitment towards addressing domestic violence in the country. Moreover, we also welcome the adoption by the Court of Belize, the Model Guideline for Sexual Offence Cases and the Gender Equality Protocol for Judicial Officers.

In a constructive spirit, Timor-Leste recommends that Belize:

* Continue to take steps to establish a National Human Rights Institutions that is in line with the Paris Principle.
* Strengthen its efforts to achieve the equal representation of women in political and public life, including through the introduction of temporary special measures such as quotas
* Continue and fortify its efforts to prevent and combat acts of violence against women, including by strengthening the institutions responsible for applying the existing legislative framework.

We wish Belize a successful review.

Thank you.