

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

Universal Periodic Review

Chad

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Thank you, President/ Vice-President,

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

My delegation commends the Government of Chad for its continued cooperation with treaty bodies and efforts to uphold democracy and rule of law.

We also applaud Chad’s initiatives to ensure press freedom, protect human rights defenders, and improve living conditions for detainees.

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

* Continue efforts to implement the provisions of the Criminal Code related to gender-based and sexual violence against women and girls,
* Continue efforts to end recruitment of children into armed groups and to reintegrate them into society, and
* Expand food and water initiatives for more sustainable solutions.

We wish Chad a successful review.

Thank you.