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

Universal Periodic Review

the Dominican Republic

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Thank you, Mr. President/Vice President,

Timor-Leste commends the progress made by the Dominican Republic on human rights since it’s last UPR.

We appreciate the Dominican Republic's proactive steps to fortify frameworks for inclusive economic growth and enhance the resilience of its healthcare systems.

My delegation also commends the government’s commitment to addressing violence against women and strengthening child protection entities.

In a constructive spirit, Timor-Leste recommends that the Dominican Republic:

* Continue to strengthen efforts in providing equal access to quality education for all children,
* Enhance environmental protection measures, particularly concerning the impact of business and industry activities.
* Strengthen measures to combat discrimination against women.
* Step up efforts to ensure the successful implementation of the National Gender Equity and Equality Plan 2020-2030.

We wish the Dominican Republic a successful review.

Thank you.