

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

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Madam President,

Timor-Leste very much welcome the participation of Latvia in this UPR session.

Timor-Leste wishes to recommend that Latvia:

* Strengthens its efforts to increase the representation of women in political life at the decision-making level in both elected and appointed governmental bodies.
* To ensure the provision of qualified and independent legal aid to children in conflict with the law throughout legal proceedings.

Madam President,

We congratulate Latvia for implementing universal health coverage mechanism and for its efforts to combat human trafficking in persons.

Furthermore, Timor-Leste notes with appreciation the decrease in the number of children in State institutions and the measures adopted to combat gender-based violence against women.

To conclude, we take this opportunity to wish Latvia all the success in this UPR session.

I thank you, Madam President.

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