

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

Universal Periodic Review

Palau

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Madam President,

Timor-Leste welcomes and thanks Palau for the presentation of their national report.

We further welcome the positive steps taken by Palau to promote and protect human rights in its country.

Pertinent to this, we wish to highlight the creation of a national human rights task force, the adoption of the Palau Climate Change Policy, the adoption of the National Gender Mainstreaming Policy for 2018-2023 and the reactivation of the Palau National Youth Congress. These measures reflect Palau’s strong commitment to human rights, despites all challenges faced particularly by SIDS, and therefore, we seize this opportunity to commend the distinguished delegation of Palau.

While recognizing the achievements of Palau, Timor-Leste recommends that Palau;

1. Further strengthen the efforts in implementing a sustainable development policy for the well-being of its people.
2. Strengthen teacher training on alternative non-violent forms of discipline.

Timor-Leste wishes Palau all the success in this review session.

I thank you, Madam President.

Speaking time: 2 minutes