

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

Universal Periodic Review

Seychelles

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Madam President,

Timor-Leste thanks Seychelles for the presentation of their third cycle UPR Report.

My delegation welcomes the progress in relation to the ratification and accession to international instruments and notes with appreciation the establishment of the Seychelles Human Rights Commission. We are also pleased to note the positive steps taken by Seychelles to increase access to justice by women and girls and the efforts to combat trafficking in persons.

In view of strengthening human rights’ promotion and protection, my delegation recommends that Seychelles:

1. Integrates a gender perspective into national policies and programmes on climate change, disaster response and disaster risk reduction,
2. Continues with its efforts to reform the judiciary, including by providing members of the judiciary with relevant capacity building,
3. Strengthens its measures to address drug use by children and adolescents.

Timor-Leste wishes Seychelles all the success in its UPR session.

I thank you, Madam President.

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