

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

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Solomon Islands

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Madam President,

Timor-Leste extends a warm welcome to the delegation of the Solomon Islands and thanks them for the presentation of their third cycle report.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, Timor-Leste recommends that the Solomon Islands: **a)** take further measures to prevent and mitigate the human rights violations caused by business activities, **b)** enhance children’s awareness and preparedness for climate change and natural disasters and **c)** continue to seek technical assistance from the United Nations and other development partners, in particular to strengthen the access of vulnerable people and those in rural areas to the formal justice system.

Madam President,

My delegation commends Solomon Islands for adopting the Anti-Corruption Act in 2018 and encourages the establishment of an Independent Commission for that matter. Furthermore, Timor-Leste notes with appreciation the inclusion of a national human rights institution in the draft Federal Constitution and looks forward to its establishment.

Timor-Leste wishes Solomon Island all the best for the rest of this constructive dialogue.

I thank you, Madam President.

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