

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

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Somalia

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Madam President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the esteemed delegation of Somalia, a fellow member of the g7+.

We commend the Federal Government of Somalia’s commitment to strengthen the protection of children affected by armed conflict and the engagements with the African Union to facilitate the accession and ratification of the Maputo Protocol.

While acknowledging the consultations held by Somalia with several stakeholders to discuss the ratification of the CEDAW Convention, my delegation recommends that Somalia step ups its efforts to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Additionally, we recommend that Somalia adopts a human rights centred approach to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Timor-Leste wishes Somalia a successful outcome of this session.

I thank you, Madam President.

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