

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

Universal Periodic Review

Niger

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Madam President,

Timor-Leste thanks Niger for the presentation of their Third Cycle UPR Report. My delegation welcomes the accession of Niger to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and notes with appreciation the efforts to improve access to safe drinking water. We are happy to learn that Namibia will shortly submit its first national action plan to combat trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants.

While noting that the death penalty has not been applied since 1976, Timor-Leste recommends that Niger ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

In addition, Timor-Leste also recommends that Niger continues to take measures to increase the representation of women in the National Human Rights Commission.

To conclude, Timor-Leste wishes Niger all the success in its UPR session.

I thank you, Madam President.

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