

**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
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Madam President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the esteemed delegation of Greece and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

At the outset, Timor-Leste wishes to commend Greece for their continuous commitment to cooperating with the UN human rights mechanisms and for having adopted several measures to improve the human rights situation in the country.

My delegation welcomes the efforts made by Greece to improve health-care services in prisons and notes with appreciation the designation of the Greek Ombudsman as the national preventive mechanism against torture. We praise the adoption of a law on promoting substantive gender equality and preventing and combating gender-based violence and the adoption of the national action plan on gender equality for 2016– 2020.

Madam President,

With the view of strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights in Greece, Timor-Leste wishes to make two recommendations:

* That Greece considers ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,
* That Greece redoubles its efforts to ensure the meaningful participation of refugee and asylum-seeking women in decision-making on matters affecting their lives in the camps.

I thank you Madam President.

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