

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

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Madam President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the delegation of Papua New Guinea to this session of the UPR.

At the outset, Timor-Leste commends Papua New Guinea for having adopted a national strategy on sexually transmitted infections and HIV for 2018–2022, the Whistleblower Act 2020 and establishing an Independent Commission against Corruption. Furthermore, we note with appreciation the trainings held to strengthen the capacity of the police with the view of eliminating abuse, corruption and the excessive use of force.

While acknowledging the efforts made, Timor-Leste wishes to recommend that Papua New Guinea:

1. Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,
2. Strengthen its efforts to eliminate the barriers to women’s political participation,
3. Maintain the moratorium on the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Madam President,

Both Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea are members of the g7+ and fragile countries affected by conflict seeking to build resilience. Despite the challenging circumstances, we thank Papua New Guinea for having taken important steps towards a stronger protection of human rights in its country and we wish the delegation of Papua New Guinea a successful review.

I thank you, Madam President.

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