

**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 thanks the delegation of Tajikistan for the presentation of their report and welcomes their participation in this session of the UPR.

My delegation wishes to make three recommendations:

1. That Tajikistan considers increasing the budget allocation to the health sector, especially to maternal and child health-care services,
2. That Tajikistan eliminates negative stereotypes and other barriers hindering access for women and girls to education,
3. That Tajikistan redoubles its efforts to ensure the equitable political representation and participation of ethnic minorities.

Madam President,

My delegation would like to highlight some positive steps taken by the Government of Tajikistan ahead of this session. We welcome the adoption by the parliament, in 2019, of an amnesty law to legalize stateless persons and foreign nationals residing illegally in Tajikistan and the adoption of a National Strategy for the Development of Education for the period up to 2030. Moreover, Timor-Leste also notes with appreciation the adoption of a State Programme for the Prevention of Domestic Violence for 2014-2023.

In conclusion, Timor-Leste wishes Tajikistan all the success in its review.

I thank you Madam President.

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