

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

Universal Periodic Review

Adoption of the report on Timor-Leste

**Intervention of H.E. Mrs. Lurdes Bessa,**

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Mr President,

Ambassador Ahmad Faisal Muhamad,

Dear colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great honor and gratitude that I am present at this session for the adoption of Timor-Leste's report to the Universal Periodic Review mechanism.

Timor-Leste expresses its deep appreciation to the UPR Secretariat and Troika members: Malaysia, Malawi and Brazil for the immense support provided during our review and in recent days.

I would like to give a special word of appreciation to H.E. Ambassador Ahmad Faisal Muhamad for presenting our report today.

I also thank the conference services and interpreters for their valuable contribution in this process.

As highlighted by the Minister of Justice, H.E., Mr. Manuel Cárceres da Costa, during the presentation of the national report, after a turbulent history, Timor-Leste is today a State that is guided by democratic values ​​and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms of its citizens. The Universal Periodic Review mechanism plays a crucial role in promoting human rights, allowing States to carefully consider their human rights obligations.

I reiterate here that the Government of Timor-Leste highly values ​​its participation in this Working Group and will remain committed to this process.

Mr. President,

On the 27th of January, my country had the honor of having a constructive and open dialogue with 77 countries, which we thank for their comments and recommendations.

We are also grateful for the 30 questions put forward by 9 countries prior to our review, which deserved our greatest attention.

As the report presented here shows, Timor-Leste received 194 recommendations. Timor-Leste will carefully consider the recommendations made and will communicate its position and explanations on the recommendations no later than the upcoming 50th Session of the Human Rights Council.

In conclusion, I reiterate that it is with a great sense of responsibility that we face our human rights obligations and we will maintain the commitment to continue to take additional measures to ensure that Human Rights are respected and enjoyed by all.

Thank you.