**40TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF TIMOR-LESTE**

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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

Thank you, Mister President.

Brunei Darussalam thanks Timor-Leste for the presentation of their National Report.

Amidst the challenges presented by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Brunei Darussalam acknowledges the continued improvement of the rights of people in Timor-Leste. In particular, we commend Timor-Leste’s health system which guarantees the fundamental rights of citizens to health as set out in the Constitution and the law, namely universal health service that are free for all.

In addition, Brunei Darussalam welcomes the Education System Framework Law and National Education Strategy Plan (2011 – 2030), aimed at ensuring that everyone can access education equally, in particular those who have special needs.

In this regard, Brunei Darussalam proposes two (2) recommendations:

1. To continue to promote inclusive education so that persons with special needs continue to enjoy the same privileges in schools; and
2. To continue to work towards improving access to healthcare facilities and services in rural areas.

Mister President,

Brunei Darussalam wishes Timor-Leste a successful conclusion of its UPR session.

Thank you.

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