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**Statement by the State of Palestine at the Universal Periodic Review of Timor-Leste, 27th of January 2022:**

Thank you, Mr. President,

The State of Palestine welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste to the third cycle of the UPR and we thank them for the presentation of their national report.

We commend the government’s commitment to promote and protect human rights including the steps taken in implementing recommendations from the previous UPR cycle. And we also welcome the ongoing efforts in improving education including through the continuous implementation of the Education System Framework Law and National Education Strategy Plan 2011-2030.

In this regard the State of Palestine wishes to make the following recommendations to Timor-Leste:

1. to continue its efforts with regards to education, and to adopt policies to enhance access to children from urban and rural areas and ensure inclusion in education for girls and children with disabilities.
2. to continue to adhere to more international human rights conventions.

We wish Timor-Leste a successful review.

I thank you.