

Permanent Mission of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

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Statement at the Third Cycle UPR of Timor-Leste

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**Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_**

Afghanistan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Timor-Leste and thanks them for their detailed presentation of their national report. We commend the country’s efforts towards equal representation and diversity of thought. We also commend Timor-Leste’s cooperation with UN human rights mechanisms in submitting reports to several monitoring mechanisms since the second cycle.

We remain concerned about the lack of a general legal framework on children’s rights.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we hope to make the following recommendations:

1. Enact a comprehensive legislation on children’s rights;
2. Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
3. And ensure compliance with non-refoulement principles by ensuring that all asylum seekers are given access to fair and efficient asylum procedures, including access to relevant information, interpretation, and legal services.

We wish Timor-Leste every success in the UPR process.

**I thank you, \_\_\_\_**