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**Review of Timor-Leste**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mister President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste and thanks for the presentation of its National Report.

Ukraine notes the steps taken by Timor-Leste to implement recommendations received during the previous UPR cycle, including some measures taken to ensure human rights of the persons with disabilities and gender equality.

However, we note with concern the excessive use of force and ill-treatment exercised by representatives of the security forces reported in the context of the implementation of restrictions related to COVID-19 pandemic.

In a constructive spirit Ukraine makes following recommendations:

1. to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and implement them into domestic law;
2. to extend a standing invitation to UN Special Procedures mandate holders and fully cooperate with them;
3. to submit all overdue reports to treaty bodies as soon as possible;
4. to take further steps to address gender-based violence by inter alia ensuring that criminal complaints of violence against women and girls are thoroughly investigated;
5. to expedite steps to develop holistic juvenile justice system.

We wish Timor-Leste a successful review.

**Thank you.**