

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

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South Sudan

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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste extends a warm welcome to the delegation of South Sudan, a fellow member of the g7+.

My delegation applauds the government of South Sudan for its accession to the Option Protocol on the Involvement of Children in the Armed Conflict in 2019 and for developing the Action Plan on Children Affected by Armed Conflict in 2020. Additionally, we congratulate South Sudan’s decision on the establishment of transitional justice institutions as an important step towards confronting and dealing with past human rights violations to prevent further violence.

My delegation wishes to make the following recommendations to South Sudan:

1. To ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
2. To take effective measures to prevent acts aimed at interfering with the freedom to express opinions.
3. To improve the access to education, health and social security and to strengthen its efforts in ensuring the people’s right to an adequate standard of living.

We wish South Sudan all the success in this review session.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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