

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

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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the delegation of Venezuela and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

At the outset, Timor-Leste wishes to commend Venezuela for establishing a special national institution for the protection of sex-diverse persons as well as for establishing specialized institutions on the trafficking of women and unaccompanied minors and on the protection of victims.

With the view of strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights in Venezuela, Timor-Leste wishes to make two recommendations:

1. That Venezuela strengthens the National Commission for the Prevention of Torture, Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment,
2. That Venezuela steps up its efforts to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches those most in need.

We wish Venezuela a successful UPR session.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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