

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

Universal Periodic Review

Syrian Arab Republic

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Mr. President,

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

My country remains concerned with the ongoing Syrian Civil War, which affected the enjoyment of human rights of the people of Syria and encourage all parties to continue engaging in amicable dialogue to find a peaceful solution.

Women must play an active role in peace and security and therefore we thank the Government of Syria for organizing a conference on the role of women in ending war and establishing peace. Pertinent to this, Timor-Leste encourages the Syrian Arab Republic to adopt the national plan for the implementation of the resolution 1325 (2000). Furthermore, we are pleased to know from the country’s report that the National Reconciliation Commission is working closely with women, in particular when addressing issues of abducted women and children.

Before concluding, Timor-Leste recommends that the Syrian Arab Republic:

1. Redoubles its efforts to cooperate with the special procedures and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights,
2. Implements the national plan to combat human trafficking.

We wish the Syrian Arab Republic a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.

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