

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

Universal Periodic Review

Togo

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Mr. President,

My delegation congratulates you and the members of the Council, for the election. Please be assured of Timor-Leste’s commitment to working closely with you and the council to safeguard the principles of human rights.

Timor-Leste wishes to commend Togo, fellow g7+ country, for undertaken various initiatives, including the harmonization of legislation with instruments ratified and the adoption of national and sectoral policies to strengthen the protection of human rights in its country by implementing recommendations accepted during its second cycle of the UPR review.

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

* To strengthen its policy to address gender equality and the elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation
* To leverage the protection and promotion on the right to freedom of expression.

I thank you Mr. President.

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