

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

Universal Periodic Review

Zimbabwe

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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Zimbabwe and thanks them for the presentation of their third cycle report.

My delegation notes with appreciation the inclusion of a gender component in the national climate change policy adopted in 2016 as well as the launch of key policies in the country, such as the *National Development Strategy* for 2021-2025 and *Vision 2030* – the new development plan for an empowered and prosperous Zimbabwe*.*

While acknowledging the improvements made, Timor-Leste wishes to recommend that Zimbabwe:

1. Takes further measures to address discrimination against women, including direct and indirect discrimination in both the public and the private spheres,
2. Strengthens the independence of the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission,
3. Expedites the creation of legal aid centres at the district level.

Timor-Leste wishes Zimbabwe a successful continuation of its review.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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