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**Universal Periodic Review – 40th session**

**Timor-Leste**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 27 January 2022*

*Mr/Ms President,*

Poland would like to thank the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for its participation in the UPR process. We recommend to Timor-Leste:

* **to improve the protection and promotion of rights of persons with disabilities as well as their access to health-care, education and justice by, among others, concluding the processes of ratification of the CRPD and approval of the national plan for persons with disabilities for the period 2021-2030;**
* **to intensify efforts to raise public awareness about the consequences of early marriages with a view to reducing their occurrence, and consider increasing the legal age of marriage to 18 years;**
* **to improve school infrastructure with a view to achieving higher enrollment in rural areas and in the secondary education.**

At the same time Poland notes with appreciation steps undertaken by Timor-Leste to increase political participation of citizens, by organizing the possibility of citizens living abroad to participate in elections.

*I thank you.*