

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

Universal Periodic Review

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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste extends a warm welcome to the delegation of the Netherlands and thanks them for their report.

Timor-Leste notes with appreciation the adoption of the second National Human Rights Action Plan in 2019, and the establishment of a Municipalities and Human Rights Platform that aims at sharing best practices on various human rights themes.

 Moreover, my country welcomes the recent appointment of the National Coordinator against Discrimination and Racism and the Netherlands’ decision to organise annual children’s rights dialogues about the implementation of the recommendations from the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

To conclude, Timor-Leste wishes to recommend:

- That the Netherlands strengthens its efforts to combat hate speech and incitement to discrimination or violence on racial, ethnic or religious grounds,

- That the Netherlands steps up its efforts to combat violence against women and domestic violence,

- That the Netherlands further adopts measures to prevent and combat human trafficking.

Timor-Leste wishes the Netherlands a fruitful UPR outcome.

I thank you, Mr. President.