

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

Universal Periodic Review

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

10 November 2022

Thank you, President/ Vice-President,

Timor-Leste commends the progress made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on human rights since its last UPR, including the adoption of the Domestic Abuse Act and its complementary strategies, namely Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy 2021 and Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan 2022, the adoption of the Hate Crime Action Plan, and the establishment of the Independent Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities.

Noting report of rural women being disproportionally affected by environmental pollution and the effects of climate changes, Timor-Leste recommends that the United Kingdom:

• Ensure the equal participation of rural women in policymaking processes on disaster mitigation and climate change.

We wish the United Kingdom a successful review.

Thank you.