

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

Universal Periodic Review

Algeria

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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the participation of Algeria in this UPR session and commends the progress made by Algeria since its last review.

At the outset, Timor-Leste recommends:

- That Algeria continues taking steps to strengthen the independence and the powers of the High Council of the Judiciary,

- That Algeria takes further steps to combat gender-based violence, trafficking in persons and smuggling.

Mr. President,

Timor-Leste thanks the Government of Algeria for creating the National Human Rights Council in 2017 and welcomes the establishment of procedures for increasing women’s opportunities for access to representation in elected assemblies.

Furthermore, Timor-Leste welcomes the December 2020 revision of the Algerian Constitution resulting in the strengthening of social rights for refugees as well as in the new provisions on freedom of peaceful assembly and demonstration and freedom of association.

To conclude, Timor-Leste welcomes the cooperation of Algeria with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and with the Special Procedures Mandate Holders and wishes Algeria a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.