

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

Universal Periodic Review

India

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Thank you, President/ Vice-President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the progress made by India on human rights since its last UPR, including the establishment of the Ministry for Water Conservation and Management and policies to ensure universal access to safe and adequate drinking water, the adoption of the Amendments to the Maternity Benefit Act, the Child Labor Act, and the Children from Sexual Offences Act.

Timor-Leste recommends that India:

* Strengthen efforts to ensure that the justice system adjudicated cases in a gender-sensitive manner.
* Continue to invest in the public health workforce to prevent, prepare for and respond to all types of health emergencies, including gender-based violence.
* Consider establishing a legislative framework that recognized the human rights to water and sanitation and that such legal recognition was harmonized.

We wish India a successful review.

Thank you.