

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

Universal Periodic Review

Bahamas

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Thank you, President/ Vice-President,

Timor-Leste commends the progress made by the Bahamas on human rights since its last UPR, including the ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and progress in the draft bill to establish a national human rights institution, that is in accordance with the Paris Principle.

My delegation welcomes the adoption of the Climate Change and Carbon Market Initiatives Act and the Disaster Risk Management Act, both in 2022 as part of the Government’s efforts to address climate change. We also commend the establishment of the Domestic Violence Unit within the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF).

In a constructive spirit, my delegation recommends the Bahamas to:

1. Consider introducing a moratorium on the death penalty with the view to abolishing it.
2. Continue efforts to establish a national human rights institution, that is consistent with the Paris Principle.
3. Strengthen measures to ensure the participation of women in public and political life at all levels and create the conditions necessary for the achievement of this goal.

We wish the Bahamas a successful review.

Thank you.