

**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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Thank you, President/ Vice-President,

Timor-Leste commends the progress made by Barbados on human rights since its last UPR, including the adoption of the Employment Act 2020 and the progress made in increasing the equal participation of women in decision-making positions.

My delegation also welcomes the amendment of the Constitutional bill, which had removed the mandatory death sentences, the ratification by Barbados of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the adoption of the Prevention of Corruption Bill.

In a constructive spirit, Timor-Leste recommends Barbados to:

1. Consider introducing a moratorium on the death penalty with the view to abolishing it.
2. Establish a National Human Rights Institution, in accordance with the Paris Principle.
3. Take the necessary effort to ensure the timely finalization of its National Gender Policy.

We wish Barbados all the success in this UPR session.

Thank you.