

**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste is pleased to welcome the delegation of Bolivia to the 34th Universal Periodic Review session and appreciates the presentation of their national report.

My delegation notes with appreciation the deep legislative reform undertaken by the Government of Bolivia, in particular we welcome the adoption of the Children and Adolescents Code and the adoption of the Family and Family Procedure Code. These acts materialized the efforts made by Bolivia to promote a restorative justice approach and to harmonize the domestic legislation with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. The inclusion of the principle of non-discrimination and gender equality in the Constitution is also commendable.

In view of improving the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, we seize this opportunity to make two recommendations:

* That Bolivia continues ensuring the independence of the media and upholding freedom of expression, and
* That Bolivia strengthens is preventive polices and post-disaster recovery policies to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Timor-Leste wishes the Government of Bolivia all the best for this third cycle of the UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.