

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

Universal Periodic Review

El Salvador

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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste extend its warm welcome to the delegation of El Salvador, led by H.E. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and commends them for the presentation of their report.

My country takes notes of the positive measures taken by the Government of El Salvador in recent years, such as the adoption of the Law on Equality, Equity and Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Special Comprehensive Act on a Violence-Free Life for Women. Additionally, the repeal of the general amnesty law by the Supreme Court is welcomed.

Acknowledging the important steps made by El Salvador to improve the enjoyment of human rights in the country, including the adoption of the Safe El Salvador plan, my delegation remains concerned about the widespread occurrence of violent episodes in the country, and for that we recommend that El Salvador enhance its efforts to reduce the high levels of violence and to protect the victims.

In addition, we further recommend:

* That El Salvador continues to take steps to mitigate the effects of climate change, and
* That El Salvador strengthens its efforts to eliminate discrimination against girls, in particular, regarding their access to education and to sexual and reproductive health services.

Timor-Leste further takes this opportunity to wish El Salvador all the success for this Universal Period Review session.

I thank you, Mr. President.