

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

Universal Periodic Review

Fiji

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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the Fijian delegation to the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review and congratulates the country on the comprehensive report presented.

At the outset, we would like to congratulate Fiji for its election last year as a member of the Human Rights Council, and H.E Ambassador Nazhat Shameen Khan for serving as Vice-President of this Council.

Fiji has been developing important work on climate change, including pushing for the Paris Agreement’s conclusion. For Small Island Developing States, it is important to have a comprehensive approach towards building disaster resilience, and Fiji has been among the countries setting best practices in the international community.

We also praise Fiji for its commitment to ensure that indigenous communities’ concerns are duly taken into consideration during all public decision-making.

Despite all of the progress made, Timor-Leste wishes to put the following recommendations to the Fijian delegation for its consideration:

* That Fiji steps up its efforts to combat domestic violence, including through awareness-raising campaigns, and
* That Fiji takes further steps to eradicate child labour in its country.

We wish our good friends of Fiji a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.