

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

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Mr. President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the delegation of Gambia present here today and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

Timor-Leste is pleased to note from the report, that Gambia has enacted the National Human Rights Commission Act and established a moratorium on the death penalty. Timor-Leste, therefore, wishes to commend Gambia for taking important steps to promote human rights in the country.

Furthermore, Timor-Leste welcomes the establishment of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission and hopes to see a positive outcome.

Acknowledging the progress made so far by Gambia, Timor-Leste presents the following recommendations for the consideration of the Government of Gambia:

* That Gambia promotes women’s representation in all decision-making positions, in particularly in the legislative and executive branch,
* That Gambia enhances its efforts to increase social security coverage, and
* That Gambia abolishes the death penalty.

Timor-Leste thanks Gambia for its engagements and wishes it success in its future endeavours and in their continued efforts to promote and protect human rights.

I thank you, Mr. President.