

**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 warmly welcomes the delegation of Italy and thanks them for their participation in the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Timor-Leste notes with satisfaction the efforts made by Italy to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. In particular, we commend the National Plan of Action Against Racism, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the National Plan to Combat Violence Against Women for 2017-2020. Timor-Leste trusts the Government of Italy will allocate the necessary human and financial resources for the implementation of both plans.

Furthermore, Timor-Leste notes with appreciation the establishment of the National Authority for the rights of persons detained or deprived of personal liberty, showing Italy’s commitment to the prevention of torture.

Acknowledging the achievements made by Italy so far, Timor-Leste presents the following recommendations for consideration:

* That Italy strengthen its efforts to respond to the protection needs of maritime migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, and
* That Italy establishes a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Timor-Leste wishes Italy a successful and fruitful discussion.

I thank you, Mr. President.