

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

Timor-Leste extends its welcome to the members of the delegation of Madagascar and we thank them for the presentation of their report and oral update.

Timor-Leste recognizes the important achievements made by Madagascar is recent years aiming at improving their human rights situation. We wish to highlight the ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the adoption of a national action plan to combat human trafficking, the gender and elections strategy and the Act on the abolition of the death penalty.

However, Timor-Leste remains concerned about the challenges faced by Madagascar in the area of children’s rights, and, for that, we wish to make the following recommendations:

* That Madagascar intensifies its efforts to ensure the progressive elimination of child labour
* That Madagascar takes further measures to prevent child sex tourism in the country
* That Madagascar takes all steps necessary to make appropriate assistance available to children who had been involved in armed conflict, including aiding their physical and psychological recovery and their social reintegration

We join the many friends of Madagascar in wishing them success.

I thank you, Mr. President.