

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

Universal Period Review

**Belarus**

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Madame President,

Timor-Leste welcomes the delegation of Belarus to this session of the UPR and wishes to make the following recommendations:

- That Belarus abolishes death penalty,

- That Belarus develops a national poverty reduction strategy and budget with a particular focus on children and families in situations of vulnerability

Madame President,

Following the mass protests that began after the August 2020 election in Belarus, Timor-Leste remains deeply concerned by the allegations of police brutality towards civilians.

Timor-Leste encourages Belarus to keep taking steps in the promotion and protection of human rights in its territory, such as the repeal of article 193 (1) of the Criminal Code criminalizing the activities of non-registered organizations.

We wish Belarus all the success during this review.

I thank you, Madame President.