

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

Universal Period Review

**Croatia**

10 November 2020

Madame President,

Timor-Leste extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Croatia.

Timor-Leste wishes to make the following recommendations:

* That Croatia steps up its efforts to increase the participation of women in the public and private sectors,
* That Croatia steps up its efforts to combat stereotypes and prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons.

Madame President,

Timor-Leste wishes to acknowledge its progresses in human rights’ promotion. In particular, we note with appreciation the adoption of the new Act on Housing Care in the Assisted Areas as well as the adoption of a law on protection against domestic violence and of a national strategy for protection against family violence.

To conclude, Timor-Leste wishes Croatia all the success in its review.

I thank you, Madame President.