

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

Universal Period Review

**Panama**

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Madame President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the delegation of Panama and thanks them for their participation in this session of the UPR.

Timor-Leste seizes this opportunity to make the following recommendations:

- That Panama takes further steps to ensure that all allegations of torture or ill-treatment were investigated promptly and impartially,

- That Panama prohibits, through legislative and administrative provisions, the use of corporal punishment in all settings, namely in schools and in childcare institutions.

Madame President,

Timor-Leste further takes this opportunity to commend Panama’s engagement with the UPR mechanism and we note with appreciation the establishment of the national preventive mechanism attached to the Ombudsman’s Office, as well as the adoption of Panama’s National Plan for the Comprehensive Development of Indigenous Peoples in 2018.

We wish Panama all the success in its review.

I thank you, Madame President.