

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

Universal Period Review

**United States of America**

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Madame President,

Timor-Leste warmly welcomes the delegation of the United States of America to this UPR cycle and recommends:

* That the United States steps up its efforts to address racial disparities in the criminal justice system;
* That the United States ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

Madame President,

Timor-Leste wishes to commend the launch, last year, of Project Guardian: an initiative aimed at reducing gun violence.

Timor-Leste wishes the United States of America all the success on its UPR review.

I thank you.