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Mister President,
Dear delegation of Timor-Leste,
Excellencies,
Everyone,

We laud Timor-Leste for accepting the recommendation made to criminalize marital rape and incest. However, we are disappointed to see that the recommendation on banning the child marriages was not accepted. We also regret that the age of consent to sexual activity is set as low as 14 years old. What measures are you taking to protect children from sexual violence?

It is with pleasure we read that state of Timor-Leste has a national action plan to combat gender-based violence. However, the implementation has not been sufficient. Women do not face only high numbers of sexual and intimate-partner violence but also violence by the police and military. Court officials do not recognize gender-based violence enough, too often leaving women without justice and protection. How are you planning to strengthen the knowledge of gender-based violence with the professionals, and rebuild trust between women and the justice system of Timor-Leste?

Finally, we notice that no recommendation was made for the ratification, by Timor-Leste, of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of genocide. Could the delegation tell us if they intend to ratify the convention?

Thank you, Mister President.