



Media Advisory

Timor-Leste's human rights record to be reviewed by Universal Periodic Review

GENEVA (31 October 2016) – Timor-Leste's human rights record will be examined by the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group for the second time on Thursday, 3 November 2016 in a meeting that will be [webcast live](#).

Timor-Leste is one of the 11 States to be reviewed by the UPR Working Group during its upcoming session taking place from 31 October to 11 November. [Timor-Leste's first UPR](#) took place on 12 October 2011.

The documents on which the reviews are based are: 1) national report - information provided by the State under review 2) information contained in the reports of independent human rights experts and groups, known as the Special Procedures, human rights treaty bodies, and other UN entities; 3) information provided by other stakeholders including national human rights institutions, regional organizations and civil society groups.

Among the **issues** raised in the above-mentioned documents are: combatting domestic violence and sexual abuse; the Law against Domestic Violence; promoting gender equality; addressing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; combatting child labour; child protection measures; the *Bolsa Da Mãe* (mother's purse) programme; access to health-care services, including on sexual and reproductive health; the right to education and school enrolment rates; the rights of and services for persons with disabilities, including children; the right to a fair trial and access to justice; allegations of human rights violations by the police and military during security operations in 2014 and 2015 and impunity for past crimes; and implementation of the recommendations of the Commissions for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation and on Truth and Friendship.

The three **reports** serving as the basis for the review of Timor-Leste on 3 November can be found here: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/TLSession26.aspx>

Location: Room 20, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Time and date: 14.30 – 18.00, Thursday 3 November (Geneva time, GMT +1 hour)

The UPR is a unique process which involves a periodic review of the human rights records of all 193 UN Member States. Since its first meeting was held in April 2008, all 193 UN member States have been reviewed during the first UPR cycle and 182 thus far during the second cycle. The second review of States aims to highlight human rights developments in the country since its first review and provides an opportunity for States under review to spell out steps taken to implement recommendations posed during their first reviews. With the conclusion of the session, the UPR second cycle will have been completed.

The delegation of Timor-Leste will be headed by Mr Ivo Jorge Valente, Minister of Justice

The three country representatives serving as rapporteurs (“troika”) for the review of Timor-Leste are: China, the Netherlands and South Africa.

The **webcast** of the session will be at <http://webtv.un.org>

The list of speakers and all available statements to be delivered during the review of Timor-Leste will be posted on the UPR Extranet at the following link [username: **hrc extranet** (with space); password: **1session**]:

<https://extranet.ohchr.org/sites/upr/Sessions/26session/TimorLeste/Pages/default.aspx>

The UPR Working Group is **scheduled to adopt the recommendations** made to Timor-Leste at 17.00 on 8 November. The State under review may wish to express its positions on recommendations posed to it during their review. The recommendations will be shared with the media on this day in advance.

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