

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

**GENEVA** (24 January 2022) – Timor-Leste's human rights record will be examined by the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group for the third time on Thursday, 27 January 2022 in a meeting that will be [webcast live at http://webtv.un.org/](http://webtv.un.org/).

Timor-Leste is one of the States to be reviewed by the UPR Working Group during its upcoming session taking place from 24 January to 3 February \*, which marks the end of the UPR third cycle. Timor-Leste's [first and second UPR reviews](#) took place in October 2011 and November 2016, respectively.

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.

The three **reports** serving as the basis for the review of Timor-Leste on 27 January can be found at <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/TLIndex.aspx>.

**Location:** Room 20, Palais des Nations, Geneva [NB: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting will be held using a combination of **in-person and remote participation, and media representatives are encouraged to follow the proceedings on webcast.**

**Time and date:** 14.30 – 18.00, Thursday, 27 January 2022 (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 twice within the first and second UPR cycles. During the third UPR cycle, States are again expected to spell out steps they have taken to implement recommendations posed during their previous reviews which they committed to follow-up on, as well as to highlight recent human rights developments in the country.

The delegation of Timor-Leste will be led by HE Mr. Manuel Cárceres da Costa Minister of Justice of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

The three country representatives serving as rapporteurs (“troika”) for the review of the Timor-Leste are: Malawi, Malaysia and Brazil.

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 the Timor-Leste will be posted on the [UPR Extranet https://uprmeetings.ohchr.org/Sessions/40session/Pages/Timor-Leste.aspx](https://uprmeetings.ohchr.org/Sessions/40session/Pages/Timor-Leste.aspx).

The UPR Working Group is **scheduled to adopt the recommendations** made to Timor-Leste at **16.00 on 1 February**. The State under review may wish to express its positions on recommendations posed to it during their review.

\* The UPR 40th session was originally scheduled to be held in November 2021, although was [postponed](#) due to COVID-19 measures.

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