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Statement

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Chairperson, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for this opportunity to share an update from my country on the Elimination and Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls. The Government of Timor-Leste is committed to advancing equality between women and men, and eliminating gender-based violence. A section on

Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and its General Recommendation on
VAW.

The law provides for legal protection, legal remedies and the establishment of

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understand the use and misuse of the symbolic value of bride-price, impacts on the role of women, women's voice and that of her clan, the financially binding implications on families and the resulting penalties when a woman tries to exit an abusive marriage.

Persistent challenges in combating GBV and VAW remain. There is a continued reluctance from victims to report due to cultural norms and practices, and there remain long waits to access justice due to the large volume of pending cases, and weak case management and tracking, and linked to this, sustained capacity-building of all service providers is still needed. Stable and sufficient funding for victim services requires sustained attention by government, civil society, the women's movement, and donors.

I would like to share a quote from our Prime Minister, HE Xanana Gusmão at the ~~Closing of an International Conference on the Post 2015 Development~~

Agenda, held in Dili last week. He affirmed that the next MDG framework "must properly recognize, and take into account, the vitally important role that