**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TIMOR-LESTE (FIRST BATCH)**

**SLOVENIA**

* Slovenia is increasingly concerned with the impact of climate change, environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity on realization of human rights. Small developing island states are particularly vulnerable due to the disproportionate effects they are subject to. What measures is Timor-Leste taking to tackle the threat of the climate change and environmental degradation that can have a disproportionate effect on the realization of human rights?

**LIECHTENSTEIN**

* What steps has Timor-Leste taken to ratify the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression?
* What steps has Timor-Leste taken to ratify the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime?

**URUGUAY**

* De conformidad con la recomendación presentada en el ciclo pasado por Uruguay, que fuera aceptada por Timor-Leste, Uruguay agradecería contar con mayor información sobre el estado de las discusiones nacionales orientadas a la firma y la ratificación de la Convención internacional sobre los derechos de las personas con discapacidad.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

* The United States is concerned about Timor-Leste’s effective enforcement of its 2017 Law on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Persons. In particular, we are concerned about the decreasing number of identified cases over the past few years, as well as timely prosecutions and convictions. What is Timor-Leste doing to ensure that its police officers and immigration officials are well-trained on the indicators of trafficking in persons? How is the government ensuring that investigations are well-conducted and that victims are protected and are not treated as criminals?
* While Timor-Leste’s media freedom ratings have recently improved, the United States is concerned about multiple laws, including the Media Law passed in 2014, and preliminary information about a possible draft criminal defamation law from 2020, and their impact on freedoms of expression or association.  Is the draft criminal defamation law still being considered?  What is the status of the draft cyber bill?
* The United States is deeply concerned by overcrowding and inadequate medical care in Timor-Leste’s prisons.  How does the government plan to improve its facilities and care for prisoners?
* The United States is concerned by the lack of a general legal framework on children’s rights, and widespread child labor.   What is the status of the draft children’s rights bill? What specific plans do you have to strengthen child labor protections throughout the country?
* The United States continues to receive reports from members of religious minority groups about discrimination in hiring for government positions and the lack of legal recognition for non-Catholic documents, such as marriage and birth certificates. What steps will the government take to address the inequities faced by members of religious minority groups and to ensure freedom of religion or belief for all? What is the status of the draft Civil Registration Code?