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Excellency,

In my capacity as Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (the Committee), I have the honour to refer to the examination of the initial report of Timor Leste at the Committee's twenty-third session, held in September 2015. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission (CMW/C/TLS/CO/1). You may recall that in the concluding observations, the Committee requested Timor Leste to provide, within two years, written information on the steps undertaken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 28, 48, 50 and 60 of the concluding observations.

At its twenty-eighth session, held in April 2018 in Geneva, the Committee examined the follow-up report of the State party (CMW/C/TLS/CO/1/Add.1). The Committee welcomes the follow-up report received in November 2017 under the CMW follow-up procedure and commends the State party for furthering the implementation of the Convention. With respect to the follow-up report, the Committee notes the following:

Regarding the recommendation made in paragraph 28 of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to continue to implement its recommendation to increase labour inspections and prosecute, punish and sanction persons or groups exploiting child migrant workers or subjecting them to forced labour and abuse, especially in the informal economy, to adopt the draft law listing activities that are prohibited or dangerous for children and to provide adequate assistance, protection and rehabilitation, including psychosocial rehabilitation, to children who have been victims of labour exploitation.

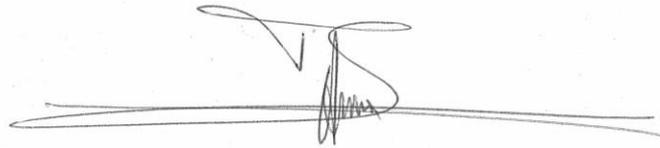
Regarding the recommendation made in paragraph 48 of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to intensify its efforts to implement the recommendation to guarantee to migrant workers and members of their families, in practice, the right to form and be a member of the executive bodies of associations and unions for the promotion and protection of their economic, social, cultural and other interests, in accordance with article 40 of the Convention and ILO Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87).

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In regards to the recommendation made in paragraph 60 of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to undertake measures to fully implement the recommendations to: (i) allocate sufficient resources for the implementation of strategies to detect and eliminate trafficking in persons; (ii) bring perpetrators to justice; and (iii) investigate and punish all cases of corruption involving police officials. The Committee also encourages the State party to strengthen its efforts to implement the recommendations to: (i) evaluate the phenomenon of trafficking in persons and compile systematic disaggregated data to better combat trafficking in persons, especially women and children; (ii) increase its efforts at victim identification and provide protection and assistance to all victims of human trafficking, in particular by providing shelters, medical care, psychosocial and other support to assist in their reintegration into society; and (iii) strengthen training for law enforcement officials, judges, prosecutors, labour inspectors, teachers, health-care workers and the staff of its embassies and consulates and disseminate more widely information on trafficking in persons and on assistance to victims.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Timor Leste on the implementation of the Convention.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Members of Their families