



Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

REFERENCE: BN/follow-up/85/Timor-Leste/92

24 February 2026

Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on follow-up to concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), I have the honor to refer to the examination of the fourth periodic report of Timor-Leste, at the Committee's eighty-fifth session, held in May 2023. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/4](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 53 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Timor-Leste to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 16 (a), 26 (b), 30 (a) and 40 (a) of the concluding observations, namely:

16 (a): "The Committee recalls its general recommendation No. 30 (2013) on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations, and recommends that the State party accelerate the adoption of the second national action plan for the implementation of Security Council resolution [1325 \(2000\)](#) on women and peace and security, in cooperation with representatives of women's civil society organizations, and ensure that it takes into consideration the full spectrum of the Security Council agenda on women and peace and security, as reflected in Security Council resolution [1325 \(2000\)](#) and subsequent resolutions, and incorporates a model of substantive equality that addresses gender-based violence against women and discrimination against women in all spheres of women's lives, including intersecting forms of discrimination against women."

26 (b): "Recalling its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, the Committee recommends that the State party [...] intensify awareness-raising for the general public on the criminal nature of all forms of gender-based violence, including domestic and sexual violence, including marital rape, and on the need to enable women to report such cases without fear of reprisals, stigmatization or re-victimization."

30 (a): "Recalling its general recommendation No. [38 \(2020\)](#) on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration and its previous recommendations ([CEDAW/C/TLS/CO/2-3](#), para. 21), the Committee recommends that the State party expedite the adoption of the new national action plan to combat human trafficking."

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40 (a): “The Committee recalls its general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health and target 3.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals and recommends that the State party improve women’s access to antenatal, perinatal and postnatal health services to reduce the high rates of maternal mortality, including by training midwives and other relevant health professionals, especially in rural areas.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in June 2025, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government’s response on the matters.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Timor-Leste on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder **within one month of the date of this correspondence**.

Please note that this response should be precise and should not exceed a maximum length of **3,150 words**, including footnotes. You may attach a limited number of annexes containing statistical data only which are not counted for the word limit. Please also send a **Word electronic version** of the information requested to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women by email to ohchr-cedaw@un.org.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jelena Pia-Comeña'.

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