

## FACT SHEET

### Universal Periodic Review - Human Rights Council

#### Modalities of the Human Rights Council Plenary for the State under Review

*Timor Leste's outcome adoption provisionally scheduled for 16 March at 11 a.m. (TBC)*

**On 16 March (TBC) , the Human Rights Council will formally adopt the UPR Outcome Report of Timor-Leste during its Plenary Session.**

The Universal Periodic Review was conducted by the Human Rights Council's UPR Working Group on 12 October 2011. The **Plenary of the Human Rights Council** will discuss and adopt the outcome of the review. The Plenary is scheduled for **16 March 2012 (TBC)** and will last one hour.

At the Human Rights Council's Plenary Session, Timor-Leste will have the opportunity to reply to questions and recommendations that were not yet addressed during the Working Group session.

*On 12 October 2011 the Universal Periodic Review of Timor-Leste was conducted by the UPR Working Group (which consists of the 47 members composing the Human Rights Council and other interested UN Member States (Observer States)) through an interactive dialogue with a Government delegation of Timor-Leste.*

*During the dialogue and in its National Report, the Timor-Leste delegation declared what actions it has taken to improve the human rights situations in the country and to fulfil its human rights obligations under international human rights law. Several Member States made statements and recommendations.*

*Out of 125 recommendations, Timor-Leste accepted 46 and rejected one, while it considered that 42 had already been implemented or were in the process of implementation. **Thirty-six recommendations still have to be responded to at the Plenary of the Human Rights Council on 16 March 2012.***

#### **ADOPTION OF THE OUTCOME:**

**Who can take the floor during the one hour slot allocated to each State under Review (SuR)?**

- **20 minutes for the State under Review (Timor-Leste)**

The State delegation is offered the opportunity to present replies to questions or issues, to declare its position on the recommendations not yet responded to, to express its views on the outcome and give final remarks.

Usually the 20 minutes are broken up in:

- 10 minutes at the beginning of the session, during which the SuR replies to questions or issues and give its position on the recommendations not yet responded to;
- 10 minutes at the end of the session, to give its final remarks and conclusions.

### **20 minutes for Human Rights Council Members and Observer States**

The Member States of the Council, as well as Observer States, will be given the opportunity to express their views on the outcome of the review.

- **20 minutes to other Stakeholders**

Other relevant stakeholders (like the PDHJ and accredited NGOs) will have the opportunity to make general comments before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary.

The summary of the views expressed on the outcome of the review by the State under Review and Member and Observer States of the Council, as well as general comments made by other relevant stakeholders before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary, will form the main part of the **Outcome Report** of the review.

### **PREPARATION of the RESPONSE to RECOMMENDATIONS by the STATE UNDER REVIEW**

#### **How can Timor-Leste present its views?**

Timor-Leste, after review and discussion within the government and with other relevant stakeholders, is encouraged to prepare a response to the recommendations, either accepting them or rejecting them.

This response can be given either:

- a. In a **written document** of up to 2,675 words (approximately five pages) which will be sent to the Secretariat before the HRC Plenary session and which will become an “Addendum” to the Report of the WG, or
- b. **Orally** during the adoption of the outcome in the session plenary of the HRC.