



**STATEMENT**

**FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND  
EMPLOYMENT OF TIMOR-LESTE MR. ALARICO DO ROSÁRIO**

**AT THE 110<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE  
GENEVA**

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**Mr. President of the Conference,  
ILO Director-General, Guy Rider,  
Your Excellency Ministers and Distinguished Delegates,**

It is a privilege for me to represent the People and Government of Timor-Leste at the 110<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Labor Conference.

Since becoming a member state of the ILO in 2003, the Government of Timor-Leste has been working closely with the ILO. To date, my country has ratified six (6) of the eight (8) ILO core conventions.

Agriculture is the main livelihood in Timor-Leste and around 75% of the population lives in rural areas.



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The COVID-19 pandemic has had profound negative effects on the world economy, including to Timor-Leste. The country faces enormous challenges, particularly in creating jobs for the vast young population, qualifying the workforce and diversifying its economy.

Cooperation with the ILO has had a tremendous impact on the living conditions of the Timorese. Since 2008, Timor-Leste and the ILO have developed 14 projects, of which we highlight the COMPASIS Project, the BOSS Project and the ERA Project.

Furthermore, I have the honor to inform you that we are currently in the process of drafting and adopting new legislation on: Domestic Work; Health, Safety and Hygiene at Work; Employment in the Extractive Industry; Minimum wage; Mediation, Conciliation and Labor Arbitration; and the first amendment to Timor-Leste's Labor Law.



**Mr. President,**

Despite improvements in the growth of our economy, the country's economic development is excessively dependent on the public sector.

To ensure the sustainable and inclusive economic and social development of Timor-Leste, it is urgent to encourage private sector investment to accelerate economic diversification, in order to provide decent and sustainable employment opportunities for the Timorese.

Timor-Leste strongly supports the promotion of a Decent Work Agenda and has been making efforts to create better working conditions to increase people's well-being.

**Mr. President,**

Before concluding, I am pleased to inform that currently, Timor-Leste is in the process of implementing the second Decent Work Country Programme, which has 3 priorities: (first) - Promotion of Employment and Social Protection; (second) - Rural Socio-Economic Development and (third) Good Labor Market Governance Institutions. The



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promotion of gender equality, tripartism, social dialogue and institutional capacity building are integrated into the priorities of the Decent Work Country Programme.

Thank you very much.

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