Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As this is the first time Timor-leste is taking the floor this session, let me first begin by congratulating you and the other members of the Bureau on your well-deserved election. let me assure you of the full support and cooperation of the Timor-leste delegation during the sixty·fifth session. We thank the secretary-General, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Development Fund for Women for their substantial and detailed reports on this agenda item.

Timor-leste associates itself with the statement made Monday by the distinguished representative of Yemen on behalf of the G-77 and China.

Timor·leste would also like to warmly welcome the recent establishment of UN Women, initiated through the adoption of General Assembly 64/289. We offer our full support and commitment to its launching. and wholeheartedly embrace Ms. Michelle Bachelet. Former President of Chile as the first head of UN Women. We are confident in her ability to advance and empower women.

Timor-leste is dedicated to promoting gender equality. Gender equality is a principle enshrined in our Constitution, which states that women and men share the same rights in all aspects of family and societal life.

Mr. Chairman,

2010 marks not only the 15th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, but also the establishment of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). Furthermore this year is the 10th anniversary of Security Council resolution 132S, on women
peace and security. As noted by the Security Council, the marginalization of women and girls has serious
implications on the advancement of sustainable peace, and security, as well as on national development
and human rights. Pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1325 my delegation wishes to highlight the
trilateral cross-learning partnership between Ireland, liberia, and Timor-leste on women, peace, and
security. The goal of which is to learn from and better understand the plight of women directly affected
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March it criminaJizes most sexual crimes. Currently work is being done to address the oft-unreported stigmatized crimes of gender-based violence. Sexual and gender based violence training for police forces is being carried out, along with sensitivtty training. Women currently comprise 20% of the police force with efforts underway to recruit more women.

Mr. Chairman,

The active and meaningful participation of women in society and government at all levels is being addressed through the Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Gender Focal Points in our Ministries. A 2009 campaign on new laws regarding decentralization and local elections concurrently targeted women, encouraging and supporting their involvement in government. Currently our Secretary of State for the Promotion of Equality (SEPI) is implementing a five-year plan for 2010 to 2015 in accordance with the mandate to design and execute policies mainstreaming gender equality across all nine ministries.

Mr. Chairman

Women are key contributors to the establishment of peace and security, and are vital to stable sustainable economies. As such the concurrent Security Council debate on women,