

Country: East Timor

Delegate: John Henry

Issue: Issue of self-determination for ethnic minority groups

Honorable chairperson, fellow delegates and distinguished guests,

East Timor is honored to attend this meeting. Today, it is clear that claims to the right of self-determination are not abating; many afflicted minority groups claim that such right has been breached by the nation states from which they are bound to. Only in this recent decade has East Timor successfully achieved independence from Indonesia, and fully aware of the agony and pain of such cases, it passionately supports the autonomic rights of ethnic minority groups. It would like to resolve this issue by recommending a separate committee that would create specific guidelines required for the process of self-determination. East Timor realizes that it is essential for the international community to develop more efficient ways of addressing these demands that avoid destructive, unnecessary conflict and violence. Thank you.