Good morning Madam Chair and all delegates

1. Let me share TL effort to put everyone in the picture- social protection for everyone. Since independence in 2002, Timor-Leste has struggled daily to recover from the previous decades of conflict and create the conditions for its citizens to have a good quality of life. Despite the advances made, many challenges remain: extensive poverty, nutrition deficits and unequal access to health care, decent work and protection against social risks.

2. Social protection is a right guaranteed by the national Constitution. It is an important element for cohesion and social peace. The Government continues its commitment to review the policies and programmers to responds to the current challenges COVID-19 and other related issues.

3. The pandemic has brought devastating consequence to the world-develop and developing countries. Responding to that, the government has follows all the WHO measures to prevent COVID-10. Recently the government has launched its economy recovery plan, center on the people which will help reactive the national economy with measures for the short, medium and long term.

4. Furthermore, in October 8th, 2020, the 2020 General State Budget with a total amount of USD $1,497 billion been approved by the parliament.

5. From the total budget of USD $1,497 billion, 29% will be allocated to Social Capital – Social Welfare, Social Protection and Citizenship. From 29% budget 11% will going to Education, 13% to Social Protection and 5% to Health.

6. The government has decided to invest in social capital by investing and focuses on the following areas:
   - Construction of housing for vulnerable people and veterans
   - Investment in water and sanitation
   - Construction of Health Centres and Health Posts
   - Construction of schools and classrooms
   - Contributions to the social security scheme and ect

   Way forward;

7. The government through the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion will continue its efforts and commitment to:
   - Ensure good management and strengthening of the Integrated Social Protection system;
   - Promote and protect the rights of the child;
   - Promote Social Rehabilitation, Counseling and Recovery;
   - Ensuring quality service to citizens in situations of social vulnerability, through the implementation of social protection, social assistance, rehabilitation and social security at national and municipal level;
   - Promote community reintegration and inclusion initiatives;
   - Implement the Gender Policy;
   - Promote good governance and institutional management in the Ministry and strengthening institutions and increasing the capacity of human resources.

8. Finally, TL is support the draft action plan and continues to strengthening its cooperation its development partners and all relevant stakeholders to seek their support to help the government efforts to build sustainable and reliable social protection system and to achieve sustainable development goals. Thank you