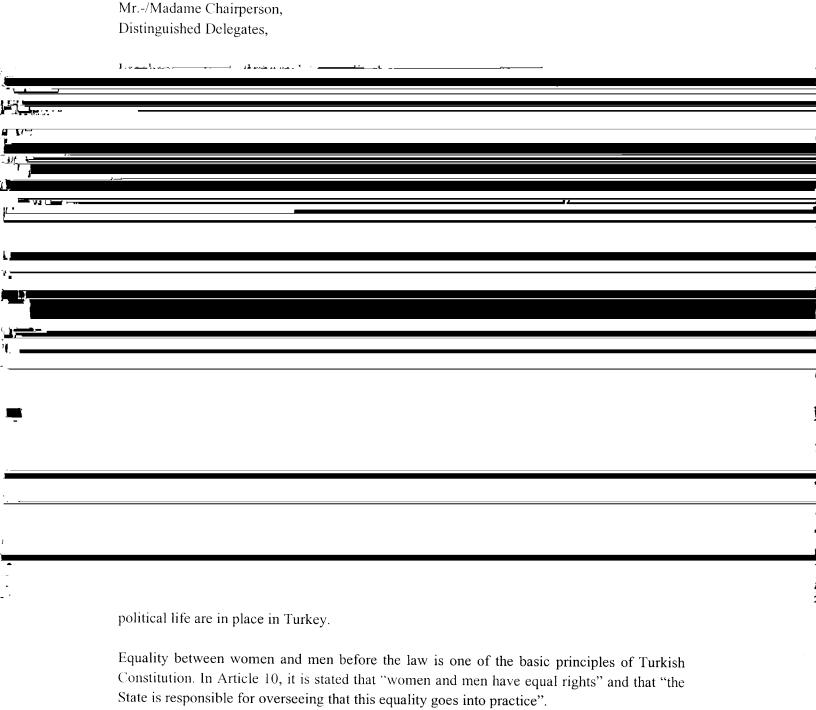


Mr.-/Madame Chairperson Distinguished Delegates, At the outset I wish to congratulate you upon your election as Chairperson of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women and other members of the Bureau. I assure you my delegation's full support and cooperation during the proceedings of this important session. Czech Republic on behalf of the European Union.



In addition, with the amendment to Article 90 of Turkish Constitution in 2004, supremacy was given to international conventions concerning basic rights and freedoms over all national laws. This amendment placed CEDAW above all other legal arrangements in case of a

conflict.