



Mr./Madame Chairperson
Distinguished Delegates,

At the outset I wish to congratulate you upon your election as Chairperson of the 53rd 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.

Turkey aligned herself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representatives of

Czech Republic on behalf of the European Union.

My delegation welcomes the report of the Secretary General on "Equal Status of

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political life are in place in Turkey.

Equality between women and men before the law is one of the basic principles of Turkish Constitution. In Article 10, it is stated that “women and men have equal rights” and that “the State is responsible for overseeing that this equality goes into practice”.

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.

Furthermore, the two fundamental laws of Turkish legal system are the Civil Code and the