



Mr Chairman,

Turkey is a party to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

ratified the Optional Protocol of CEDAW in 2002.

Very recently, on 29 January 2008, Turkey withdrew her declaration about the Article 9 of CEDAW. The fact that Turkey has already withdrawn her reservations regarding Article 15 and 16 of the said Convention in 1999 both points out to the achievements in Turkey with respect to women's rights and certifies our Country's adherence to her international commitments, especially in the context of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Thank you.