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Mr. Chairman,

First of all allow me to express our appreciation for your able chairmanship at the Third Committee. We are confident that your efforts will continue to bring success to the work and deliberations of our Committee. I also want to extend my delegation's congratulations to the other members of the Bureau and would like to assure you of my delegation's full cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

Over the past decades, considerable progress has been achieved on a global scale, for the advancement of women, for the provision of gender equality and for the full protection of human rights of women. As a result of this progress, today we notice greater awareness towards the rights and needs of women, More equitable laws that protect women from

On the implementation side, Turkey has recently made great strides to mainstream gender equality through collaboration between the national institutions such as the General Directorate for the Status of Women and that of the civil society; such as NGOs, trade unions, confederations of workers-employers, professional organizations, political parties and universities. In accordance with the "National Action Plan on Gender Equality 2008-2013", action has been undertaken on a wide range of areas, from health to education, from economy to environment, and from poverty to the human rights of women. Bearing in mind the importance of monitoring, special Committees have been established for each of these aforementioned areas.

As another mechanism to oversee the implementation, a "Parliamentary Commission on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men" was set up at the Grand National Assembly of Turkey in March this year. The reflection of gender equality principle has started even within the composition of this Commission.

As for combating violence against women, which is one of the key areas stated in Beijing Platform for Action, again by the participation of all stakeholders...

bodies in 2010 to accelerate progress in the achievement of gender equality and empowerment of women.

I would like to conclude with a quote from Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey.
“If a society does not march towards its goal with all its women and men together, it is scientifically impossible for it to progress and to become civilized. It should be realized that everything we see on earth is the product of women”.

Thank you Mr.Chairman.