



**Statement by the Representative of the Permanent Mission of Türkiye
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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I would like to commend the Belgian Chairpersonship for dedicating today's Security Dialogue to the Code of Conduct.

We also would like to thank panellists for their thought-provoking presentations.

Since the Annual Implementation Discussion could not be held this year, today's meeting will enable us to discuss CoC related issues.

Mr. Chair,

The Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security is a key OSCE document adopted in line with our comprehensive concept of security, the indivisibility of security and security based cooperation.

Since its adoption in 1994, the Code has significantly contributed to enhancing the OSCE values and principles. It provided guidance to the participating States to conduct co-operative and responsible inter and intra-state relations.

The integrity and uniqueness demonstrated by each chapter is equally important and relevant for the security concerns of the participating States.

This has made the Code one of the most frequently referred documents among the OSCE acquis and its importance has been underlined time and again.

Yet, as underlined in today's concept paper, it is quite unfortunate that the core principles of the CoC are violated during the war. The ongoing aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine demonstrates grim examples of such violations.

Mr. Chair,

We also believe that instead of prioritizing certain elements of the Code, a comprehensive and balanced approach would provide the most benefit.



The Code is also one of the key instruments that would guide us in our determined fight against terrorism. The approach of Türkiye to the Code has always been to underline also this specific value of the document. Thus, implementation of the Code in the fight against terrorism, among many other important issues, is most welcome by my country.

International conventions in the field of international humanitarian law and law of armed conflict (LOAC) oblige the state parties to train their military personnel.

Therefore, in order to fulfill the relevant obligations and to perform the tasks specified primarily in the Constitution and other relevant laws and regulations, various relevant training programs are provided to Turkish Armed Forces personnel on international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict in the schools, seminars, conferences, and courses.

Especially before the deployment of the military personnel, the training on basic human and cultural rights and gender issues are provided by Turkish Armed Forces.

Fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution are also valid for military personnel. In line with today's agenda, Türkiye continues to attach utmost importance to gender perspective as an integral part of the comprehensive security approach of the OSCE.

Women's equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security is of crucial importance.

Women's access to not only the armed forces but also to peace processes, including peace operations and mediation is equally important.

The severe effects of conflicts in various geographies on women and girls continue to constitute a significant problem that needs to be thoroughly examined by the international community.

Aware of the benefits of sharing practices, Türkiye has been providing voluntary reporting on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in its responses to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct.

As the policy framework and commitments with regard to women, peace and security are getting stronger globally, the level of engagement in the OSCE should also grow in line with this trend.

Thank you.

