



**Pledge submitted by Türkiye to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: As a reflection of Türkiye’s strong commitment to strengthening women’s rights and the empowerment of women and girls, Türkiye has been host to the UN Women Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia in the city of Istanbul since 2014 and the process towards establishing UN Women’s Country Office in Ankara has reached its final phase. Türkiye has also traditionally supported the mandate and activities of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, which have become even more critical in the face of contemporary global challenges that have grave implications for the enjoyment of human rights worldwide. In line with our principled support for the efforts and activities undertaken in the field of human rights under the aegis of the UN, and on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Türkiye pledges to double its voluntary financial contribution to the UN Women’s Fund and reinstate its voluntary financial contribution to the OHCHR.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jan 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: In 2021, Türkiye put into effect an Action Plan on Human Rights for the period 2021-2023, which sought to ensure a stronger and more accessible human rights protection system, while preserving the rule of law with all of its components. Türkiye pledges to maintain the gains from this action plan, carry out a comprehensive assessment regarding its implementation in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders and, on that basis, prepare and implement a new action plan for the period 2024-2028.

The Judicial Reform Strategy Document, which was announced to public in 2019, aimed to strengthen the rule of law, protect and promote rights and freedoms more effectively, strengthen the independence of the judiciary, improve its impartiality and increase transparency, facilitate access to justice, strengthen the right of defense, and ensure the right to trial within a reasonable time. Türkiye pledges to assess the implementation of the Strategy Document and, on that basis, renew the document in order to further strengthen the protection and promotion of rights and freedoms and ensure an effective and efficient criminal justice system, in line with international rules and standards, with the participation of and contributions from all relevant stakeholders.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: The Expropriation Law and other relevant legislation will be reviewed in line with Türkiye’s international obligations under human rights law, in order to better protect

the right to property and eliminate implementation-related challenges. This process will include analysis and review of legal provisions concerning expedited expropriation, confiscation without expropriation, and limitations imposed on the right to property with the purpose of allocating a given property to public service. In this context, the decision-making procedure relating to decisions on determining the existence of “public interest” in cases of expropriation will also be re-evaluated.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: Women represent only one-third of the workforce in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), while men significantly outnumber women in most STEM fields at the college level. The disparities between women and men are particularly pronounced in rapidly growing and highly lucrative fields of the future, such as computer science and engineering. The digital revolution presents new opportunities for empowering women. Through the Internet, digital platforms and digital financial services, women can take advantage of 'leapfrog' opportunities to earn additional income, expand their employment prospects, and access knowledge and information. In this regard, Türkiye pledges to bridge the gap between women and men, including particularly in the fields of science, technology and innovation, through enhancing cooperation among stakeholders, implementing awareness raising campaigns and making internet safer for women and girls, with the goal of enabling women to enjoy all human rights more effectively.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2028