

**STATEMENT BY TURKEY  
AT THE 48TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON  
POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Agenda Item 4: General debate on national experience in population matters: realizing the future we want – integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post-2015 development agenda**

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Madame Chair,

We would like to thank Secretary General for his report entitled “integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post-2015

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reproductive health services are important for a forward looking development policy.

Madame Chair,

As the chair of Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) for 2014-2015, our theme is “**Strengthening Partnerships: Human Mobility for Sustainable Development.**”

**As regards the population transformation in Turkey;**

Turkey has adopted National Plan of Action on Ageing in 2007 which is highly coherent with Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. Through s o4y4

and premature deaths related to non-communicable diseases has constituted one of the main axes of this program.

**Concerning women and girls;**

Turkey is combating the violence against women with the strategy of zero tolerance. Turkey is the first country to ratify Istanbul Convention on violence against women which creates a comprehensive legal framework to protect women against all forms of violence. During the last 10 years, almost all gender discriminatory items have been eliminated from the legislative regulations.

Employment incentives are being implemented intensively to attract more women to work life. Labor participation rate for women is increasing rapidly in recent years. The rise in education attainment of girls will be another determinant of the increase in labor participation rate for women.

Madame Chair,

In conclusion, we would like to express that it is a must to establish better