Committee: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Agenda Item: Expanding global education opportunities and reducing inequalities in access to education

Turkey is a country located in both Asia and Europe. Its capital is Ankara, and its largest and most important city is Istanbul. The official language of Turkey is Turkish, and its currency is the Turkish lira. The country has 81 provinces and a diverse cultural heritage. Turkey has a rich historical background and has been home to many civilizations, carrying the legacy of the Ottoman Empire. The Republic of Turkey was established in 1923, marking the beginning of the modern state. Turkey is famous for its natural beauties, tourist attractions, and cuisine. It is home to important sites such as Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, and the ancient city of Ephesus.

There is inequality in education in Turkey, especially regional and socioeconomic differences. While schools in cities have better facilities, schools in rural areas offer lower quality education due to lack of infrastructure. Children from low-income families are deprived of opportunities such as additional support and private lessons. Additionally, in some rural areas, girls' access to education is restricted due to social norms. These inequalities negatively affect educational security and social development. UNESCO supports projects aimed at increasing access to education, especially for disadvantaged people, in Turkey. These projects aim for personal development and to ensure that low-income and disabled people benefit more from educational opportunities.

Believing that the global dimensions of inequalities in education need to be addressed, Turkey emphasizes increased international cooperation. The importance of digitalization in education is increasing day by day and Turkey believes that the liberalization of digital education will reduce inequality in education. Especially in rural areas and developing system internet access and expanding digital literacies, widespread educational opportunities are aimed to minimize inequality in education.

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