



**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

-We would like to thank you for arranging very successful thematic debates on the agenda items. We hope that meetings' results would help the Conference to overcome the ongoing standstill.

-I would also like to thank Ambassador Ambrazevich and Ms. Fix for their presentations.

-We have to address the impact of today's sweeping and expeditious technological change on disarmament. Artificial intelligence, ubiquitous sensors, advanced manufacturing and quantum science is transforming modern warfare.

-At first, we should determine in which kind of weapons we should take into consideration in the future negotiations.

- We need to reflect on the risks, challenges and threats of those technologies to our security.

-New technologies can easily fall into the hands of non-state actors, particularly terrorist groups, also pose a challenge to international peace and security.

-The existing multilateral instruments such as Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Biological Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention should follow and adapt to the developments in science and technology.

-International and regional cooperation, transparency, capacity building assistance for those in need and accountability for misuse of emerging technologies is crucial.

-We give utmost importance of ethical and legal use for new technologies with military applications. We believe that humans should bear the ultimate responsibility when dealing with the question of life and death in a significant and meaningful manner.

Thank you.