

POSITION PAPER

Committee: United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW)

Country: Republic of Türkiye

Agenda: Regulating the Impact of Beauty Filters and AI-Generated Imagery on Youth Mental Health and Body Image Standards

Position of the Republic of Türkiye

The Republic of Türkiye believes that Artificial Intelligence has become an important part of modern life and has created many opportunities in education, communication and innovation. However, the increasing use of beauty filters and AI-generated images on social media has also created serious concerns, especially for young people. Many teenagers compare themselves with edited or AI-generated images that do not represent reality. This can reduce self-confidence, create unhealthy body image standards and negatively affect mental health.

Türkiye believes that the solution is not to stop technological progress but to promote its responsible use. The delegation supports improving digital literacy so that young people can understand how AI-generated content and beauty filters work. Schools should include digital literacy in education, parents should encourage healthy discussions about social media, and technology companies should clearly label AI-generated or heavily edited content. Greater transparency will help users make informed choices.

Türkiye also believes that international cooperation is necessary because digital platforms operate across national borders. Governments, technology companies, educators and international organisations should work together to create practical guidelines that protect young people while encouraging responsible innovation. The delegation supports fair and balanced policies that protect youth mental health without limiting the positive benefits of Artificial Intelligence.

The Republic of Türkiye looks forward to cooperating with all Member States to find practical and inclusive solutions. Through education, transparency and responsible AI governance, we can create a safer online environment where young people use technology with confidence and dignity.