

POSITION PAPER

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Country: Republic of Türkiye

Agenda: Democratic Politics

I. COUNTRY POSITION

The Republic of Türkiye recognises democratic participation, effective institutions, political dialogue, accountability and the peaceful expression of diverse opinions as important elements of stable governance. Türkiye believes that democratic politics should be strengthened through meaningful civic participation, constitutional processes, the rule of law and constructive political dialogue.

Türkiye believes that democracy should ultimately serve the people. Democratic governance must therefore be supported by access to education, effective public services, economic opportunities, social inclusion and institutions that remain responsive to citizens.

As a country connecting Europe and Asia, Türkiye attaches importance to political stability, social cohesion and regional security. The delegation believes that democratic development should strengthen both citizen participation and the stability necessary for people to exercise their rights safely and peacefully.

II. TÜRKİYE'S PRIORITIES

Türkiye places particular emphasis on civic education, youth participation, institutional effectiveness, digital literacy, responsible political engagement and peaceful dialogue.

The delegation recognises that the modern information environment has created both opportunities and challenges for democratic politics. Digital platforms can increase political participation, but misinformation and manipulation can also undermine public trust and informed decision-making. Türkiye therefore supports stronger media and digital literacy so that citizens can evaluate information responsibly.

Türkiye also believes that young people should have meaningful opportunities to participate in civic life. Education and youth engagement can help develop informed citizens who understand democratic institutions and contribute positively to society.

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Türkiye supports constructive international cooperation on democratic resilience and political participation. The United Nations and other international institutions can facilitate the exchange of experiences, technical knowledge and good practices between countries.

However, Türkiye believes that international cooperation should respect national sovereignty, sovereign equality and the individual circumstances of each state. Democratic development cannot be based on a single model imposed on every country.

Türkiye therefore supports capacity-building, civic education, institutional cooperation and peaceful dialogue rather than confrontation or politically motivated pressure.

IV. PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

The Republic of Türkiye proposes the following measures:

1. Civic and Democratic Education

Promote educational programmes that teach young people about civic responsibility, constitutional principles, democratic institutions, peaceful participation and media literacy.

2. Youth Participation

Establish youth forums and consultation programmes that allow young people to contribute constructively to discussions concerning their communities and societies.

3. Digital and Media Literacy

Encourage programmes that help citizens identify misinformation, verify sources and participate responsibly in digital political spaces while respecting lawful freedom of expression.

4. Stronger Institutions

Encourage international knowledge-sharing and capacity-building to make public institutions more effective, accessible and responsive to citizens.

5. Peaceful Political Dialogue

Promote dialogue between political and social stakeholders and encourage peaceful mechanisms for resolving political disagreements.

6. Inclusive Participation

Encourage the lawful and peaceful participation of youth, women, civil society and diverse communities in civic processes.

7. International Partnership

Create voluntary platforms through which countries can exchange successful practices regarding civic education, democratic resilience, institutional development and responsible political participation.

V. CONCLUSION

The Republic of Türkiye believes that strong democratic politics requires more than elections alone. It requires informed citizens, effective institutions, constructive political dialogue, meaningful participation and public trust.

Türkiye stands ready to cooperate with all delegations to develop practical, balanced and achievable solutions that strengthen democratic resilience while respecting national sovereignty, stability and the different circumstances of individual states.

Key Statement

> “Türkiye supports democratic participation, effective institutions, constructive political dialogue and civic empowerment, while emphasising sovereignty, stability and practical international cooperation.” 