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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the Latter's Note dated 30 November 2016, concerning the State contributions to the report of the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fifth session in June 2017, pursuant to resolution 32/13 entitled "The promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet", has the honour to enclose herewith an information note compiled by relevant Turkish authorities.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**ANSWERS BY THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO  
THE QUESTION SHEET ON “PROMOTION, PROTECTION AND ENJOYMENT  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE INTERNET ENVIRONMENT”**

**3. What measures has your government taken to facilitate and expand Access to Internet for Women? Please elaborate on the impact of these measures.**

The General Directorate on the Status of Women implemented “The National Action Plan on Gender Equality” between 2008 and 2013. The goal cited among implementation targets under the heading 3.7 Media, which reads “Women’s access to and usage skills of all communication tools including the recent communication technologies such as the internet and computers shall be improved”, is contained therein as the third goal. In line with this goal, the relevant authorities undertook activities in the period concerned, to promote women’s accessibility and use of communication technologies such as the internet and computers, provide trainings about the issue, remove the obstacle to their participation in the trainings and encourage women. The activities carried out in scope of the action plan were presented in reports in 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013. Please find below a compilation of the activities carried out for achieving this goal, as cited in the aforementioned reports.

**2009**

The activities carried out by the Ministry of National Education (MoNE) General Directorate of Girls’ Technical Education:

- In scope of a cooperation protocol made between the Ministry of Transportation and MoNE for promoting adult access (the employed, the unemployed, housewives and retirees) to the internet and their competency in communication technologies, the General Directorate of Education Technologies has run the Public Internet Access Center Project. Activities have been completed to open 1.068 Public and Vocational Training Centers as well as Public Internet Access Centers under the roof of 100 libraries, in scope of the implementation of the *E-Transformation Turkey* Action Plans.
- A total of 18.496 attendees; 15.254 men and 3.242 women, benefited from the 1063 internet use courses organized in the academic year 2007-2008 by the General Directorate of Apprenticeship and Non-formal Education.

The local administrations also organize programs aimed at improving women's access to new communication technologies such as the internet and computers and their skills of use in scope of the vocational skills and knowledge courses they make available.

## 2010

The activities carried out by the Ministry of National Education, General Directorate of Girls' Technical Education:

- Public Internet Access Centers were set up to provide women with access to the internet.
- The Techno Women Project was run with the joint efforts of the Ministry of National Education and Intel Futurists Foundation to improve the computer literacy skills of women who are already computer-literates, develop literacy skills of the computer-illiterate women, facilitate women's access to the tools of communication technology by themselves, develop advanced skills of internet communication and networking tools to contribute to formation of a labor force infrastructure and therefore contribute to more efficient, effective and intensive use of the schools with classes of communication technology, Public Training Centers and Public Internet Access Centers. It was put into pilot practice in Ankara, Istanbul and Erzurum in the first phase. Applied trainings with program contents designed by Intel and approved by MoNE for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels were provided to women. The number of women attendees was 60.

The activities carried out by the Ministry of National Education General Directorate of Apprenticeship and Non-formal Education:

- The number of women entitled to certificates issued by the Public Training Centers by the year 2011 is as follows: 65.358 certificates from the Computer Use Course, 40 from Internet Programming, 2.908 from the Computer Aided Accounting Course and 53 from Computerized Carpet Design.

The activities carried out by the Ministry of National Education General Directorate of Primary Education;

- All primary schools have their own classes of Information Technologies to remove any hindrances to access to information technologies for all children at primary school age with the girls included and encourage them. Moreover, a new practice has recently

been applicable to ensure all the classrooms in primary schools are equipped with computers and facilitate access to new communication technologies, such as the internet and computers, for all children.

## **2012**

No information available regarding this particular objective.

## **2013**

Activities carried out by the Ministry of National Education:

- The Public Training Centers organized vocational courses on Computer Skills, Internet Programming, Computer Aided Accounting and Computerized Carpet Design.

Activities by the General Directorate of Local Administration:

The municipalities provide vocational and skills courses for women to train them on communication technologies such as computer and internet use. Certificates are granted to the course attendants upon completion. Women are encouraged to participate through announcements and advertisements.