**The Chairperson of the Committee on Equal Opportunity for Men and WomenCommission, AK Party Edirne Deputy, Fatma Aksal, receives deputy of House of Representatives of Chile and one of the members of the Türkiye-Chile Interparliamentary Friendship Group, Lorena Fries.At the meeting held in her office, Aksal said that Türkiye and Chile have important relations.**

**Noting that the members of the Türkiye-Chile Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group held official talks in Chile today, Aksal stated, “It has been very nice to advance the simultaneous relations both here and there.”**

**Providing information about the committee, Aksal stated that they have made great investments in the education of girls in the last 20 years. Aksal stated that the education rate of girls and boys is equal in Türkiye, and that 49 percent of girls and 40 percent of boys in the same age group receive university education.**

**Pointing out that violence against women is at the forefront of the problems that need to be solved in Türkiye as well as in the rest of the world, Aksal reminded that they have made revolutionary changes in both legislation and practice in the last 20 years and she added thet they have brought aggravated penalties for violence against women. Noting that the prevention of violence against women is a long process, Aksal stated, “We can only solve this problem if we act together with all segments of society, civil society segments, family, public institutions and politicians. There is positive discrimination against women in the Turkish Constitution.”**

**Member of the Chilean House of Representatives and Türkiye-Chile Friendship Group Member, Lorena Fries stated that it is important to strengthen the relations between Türkiye and Chile and noted that she is a member of the Türkiye-Chile Friendship Group in the House of Represantatives of Chile. Expressing that the same problems exist in their own country as in the world, Fries emphasized, ‘Our committee was established in 2012. It is a committee that performs the same function both in the Senate and in the Congress. Our aim is to bring equality of opportunity between women and men to the highest level in the society.**

**Inviting the Chairperson of the Committee on Equal Opportunity for Men and Women of GNAT, Fatma Aksal and female MPs of GNAT to Chile, Fries added that this would be an opportunity to develop relations from another perspective. Aksal accepted this offer of Fries.**