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Women's economic empowerment: experience of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Doctor Elgun Safarov

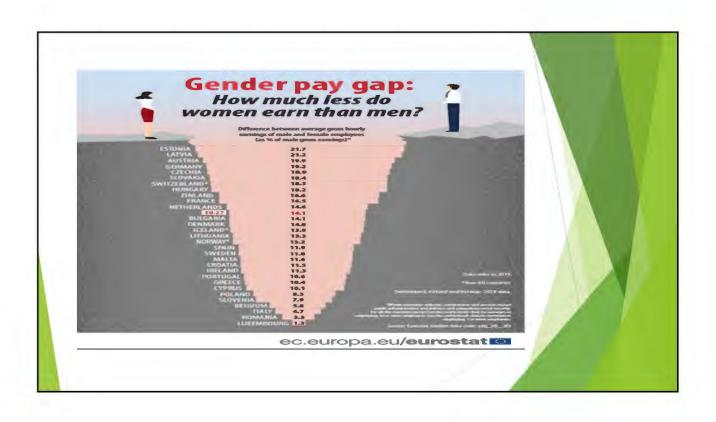
vice-chairperson, United Nations CEDAW Committee

Every day 41,000 girls are married under the age of 18.

#### **WORLD PROBLEMS**

- ► PAY GAP/GENDER SEGRAGATION IN EMPLOYMENT
- ▶ COVID 19 RESTCICTIONS/LOCK DOWN
- ▶ Vertical and horizontal discrimination
- ► UNEMPLOYMENT
- ► INCREASING LEVEL OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE







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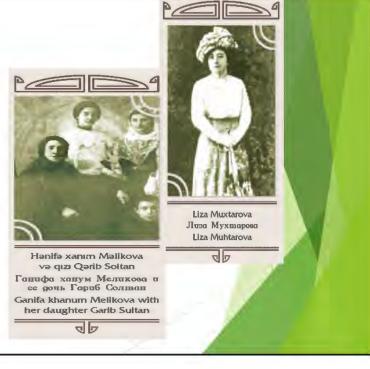




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Hanifa Melikova founder- First women Philanthropic (charitable) Foundations created in 1908. Education Poverty Fight against child marriages Equality Representation in the public and political life





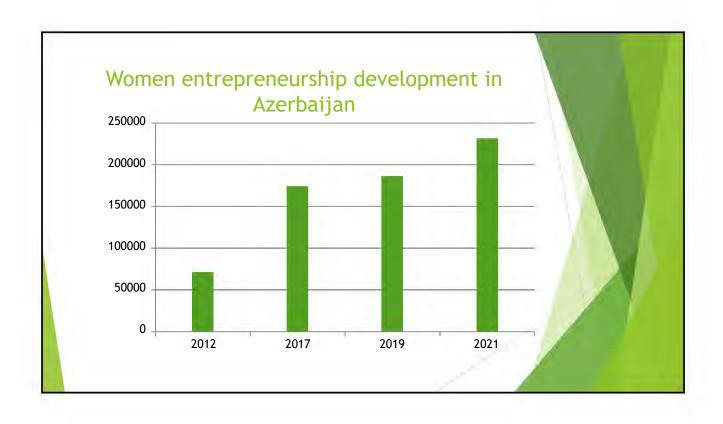
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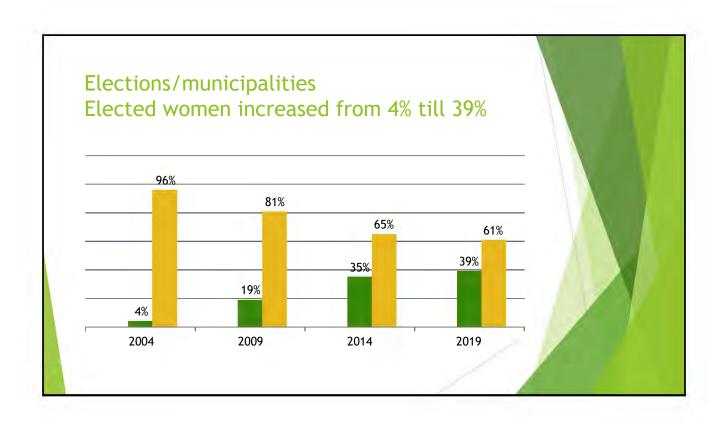


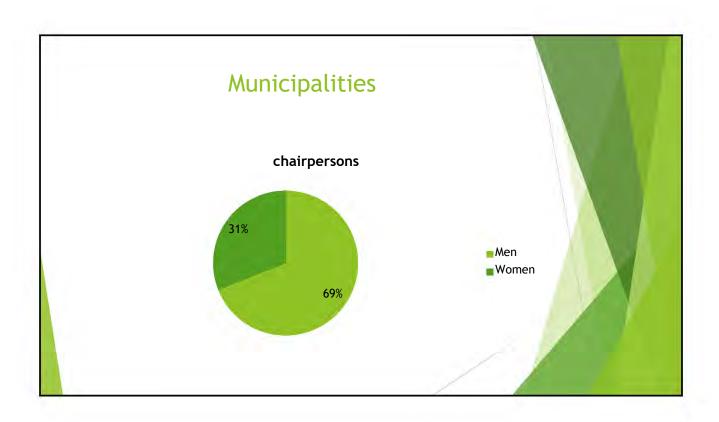
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10 December 1918-ci – 2 meeting of Parliament of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic – 43-44 articles. Support measures for the women represented in labor market:

- >Protect women health,
- **▶**Paid maternity leave,
- >Creating childcare institutions in workplaces
- Medicine and medical rehabilitation paid by the owner of the company.
- >Creating especial trainings and professional courses for women
- >Increasing of the childcare institutions



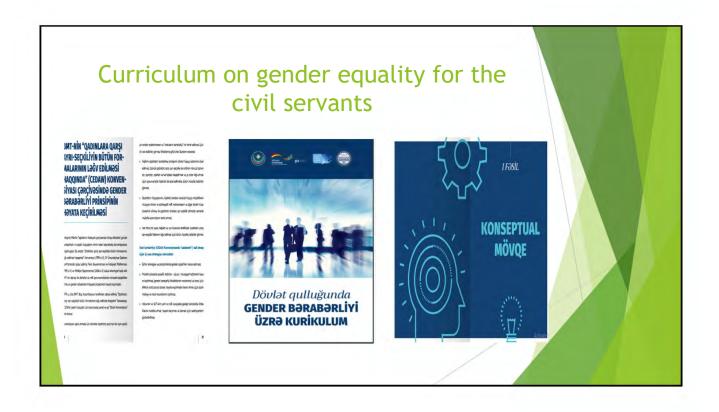




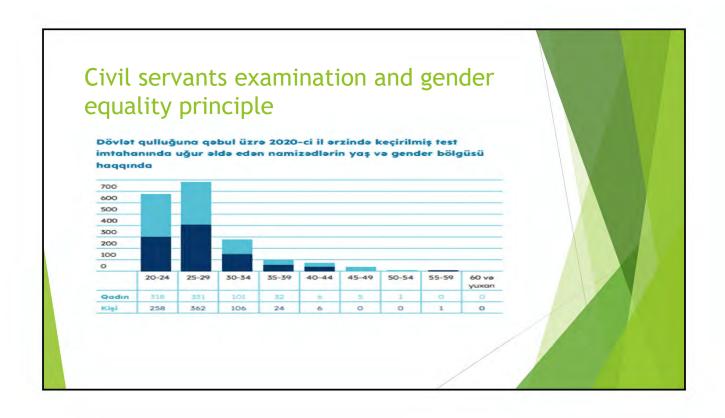




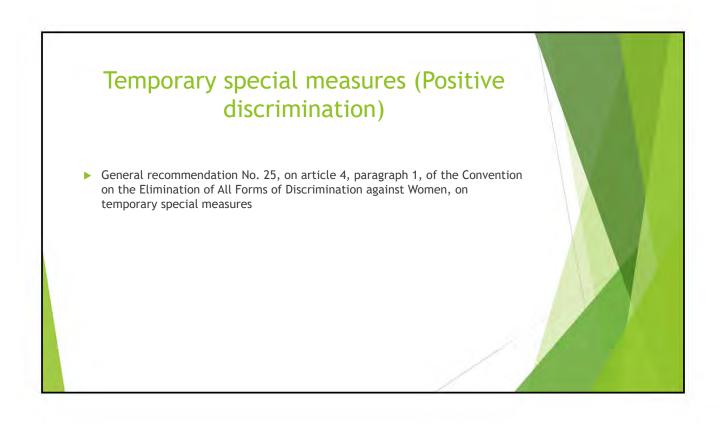












# CEDAW Convention, Article 4, paragraph 1

Adoption by States parties of temporary special measures aimed at accelerating de facto equality between men and women shall not be considered discrimination as defined in the present Convention, but shall in no way entail as a consequence the maintenance of unequal or separate standards; these measures shall be discontinued when the objectives of equality of opportunity and treatment have been achieved.

### Article 4, paragraph 2

► Adoption by States parties of special measures, including those measures contained in the present Convention, aimed at protecting maternity shall not be considered discriminatory.

#### Labour Code (article 79)

- ▶ 1. The employer shall be prohibited from terminating the employment contracts of the following individuals:
  - pregnant women and women with child under age three, single fathers raising a child of up to 3 years of age;
  - employees whose only income source is the enterprise where they work and who are single parents raising up children under school age;
  - **>** .....
  - employment contracts for individuals on vacation or on a business trip or engaged in collective bargaining may not be terminated on the basis of the grounds determined in Article 70 of this Code.

### Article 91. Reduced Working Hours

▶ 2. The following reduced working hours per week must apply: employees up to the age of 16 - 24 hours; aged 16 to 18, category I and II disabled employees, as well as pregnant women and women with a child under the age of one-and-a-half, and single parents raising a child of up to 3 years of age - 36 hours.

## Article 125. Pregnancy, Maternal, and Child Care Leave

- ▶ 1. Woman shall be granted pregnancy and maternity leave of 126 days, starting seventy (70) calendar days prior to childbirth and ending fifty-six (56) calendar days after childbirth. In the event of abnormal or multiple births, women shall be granted seventy days leave after childbirth.
- 2. Women working in industry shall be granted the following pregnancy and maternity leave.
- a) 140 calendar days for normal childbirth (70 days before birth, 70 days after birth):
- b) 156 calendar days in the event of abnormal birth (70 calendar days before birth, 86 days after birth);
- > c) 180 calendar days in the event of multiple births (70 days before birth, 110 calendar days after birth).

## High tech and start up projects - Cloud Hackathon

- Women in science
- ▶ Good experience (Reyhan Camalova-alternative energy) Scientific researchers







### Challenges

- ► Women leadership school
- Private business/women enterpreneurship
- Fight with the gender stereotypes
- ► High tech in Human Rights protection system



