

## Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the letter from the Chair of the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls dated 23 July 2020, has the honour to transmit herewith the requested information received from the relevant authorities of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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- 1. The State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs together with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees conducted trainings at schools for refugees within the framework of the project "Prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence among IDPs, refugees and persons in need of asylum" in May 2019. The participants were provided with detailed information about the Law on Gender Equality Guarantees, the Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence, reporting domestic violence, defense mechanisms, security orders, women's rights, gender equality, marriage contract, early marriages, women and girls sexual and reproductive health. Books on "Women's Rights Guide", "Desk Book for Women with Disabilities" and "Prevention of Domestic Violence", "Woman trafficiking" were distributed to the participants. The Photo exhibition was held as part of the project dedicated to the 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence on 16 December 2019.
- 2. The State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affiars continues to take awareness-raising measures to increase the level of knowledge in the field of reproductive behavior of families belonging to risk groups living in the region, strengthen sexual education of young people and adolescents, prevent unintented pregnancies, abortions and gender selection in order to implement the "Action Plan on prevention of gender-biased sex selection" approved by the Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 24, 2020.
- 3. The State Committee for Family, Women, Children Affairs, The Council on State Support to NGOs under the Auspices of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Public Union "Zafar" on Support for Martyrs' Families implemented a project for IDPs entitled "Support to the Negative Consequences of Domestic Violence". Awareness raising meetings were held for teachers, students and parents at the school for IDPs in the framework of the mentioned project in September-October 2019 and participants were informed about the negative legal, medical, social consequences of domestic violence, defense mechanisms, sexual and reproductive health of women and girls.