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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 of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences dated 5 November 2019, has the honour to transmit herewith the information received from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan in response to the questions reflected in the above-mentioned letter.

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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**Office of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights
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**On gender and sexual
based crimes for the period
of 2016-2019**

INFORMATION

1. The existence and development of observatory on prevention of gender based violence and on violence against women in the Ministry of Internal Affairs:

- Being the main obligations of interior agencies to provide women rights, to detect crimes against women, to prevent violence, to undertake preventive measures against discrimination in any forms, the activities are undertaken in an appropriate direction.

According to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan related to "Ensuring Gender (men and women) Equality", maintenance of gender equality, as well as eliminating gender-based discriminations in all forms, creating equal opportunities for men and women in political, economic, social, cultural and other public spheres, avoiding prevalence of one gender in public administration / decision-making have been an obligation of the State.

The implementation of the requests from clauses of international and internal acts on granting women rights and freedoms, and non-discrimination against women in a social form are the tasks in the center of attention.

In the events with the objective of increasing professionalism in the field of legal explanation, enlightenment and other spheres, according to the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and Requirements of the provisions of the Additional Protocol to the Convention, as well as objectives and obligations of fighting violence against women and domestic violence have been explained to the staff of internal affairs agencies. Adequate events are held to prevent domestic crimes, to detect hidden crimes, to avoid impunity of perpetrators of crimes.

Based on the state laws and normative legal acts regulating activities by interior agencies, all necessary measures are undertaken with the objective of suppressing violence against women and disclosing these types of crimes. Investigations of all applications, related to violence against women and

domestic violence, addressed to the Ministry and its administrative police agencies are reviewed with special sensitivity, as well as preventive operational measures are undertaken by registering conflicting families and involving appropriate bodies. Carrying out service inspection on the crimes related to domestic violence, legal assessment is provided for prevention of such crimes by administrative police officer.

All criminal cases and materials related to women as defendants or victims are regularly analyzed, as well as investigation and prevention of the factors driving them to committing those crimes and delivery of petitions to appropriate agency and organizations are provided.

Measures are taken, as defined in legislation, with the objective of protecting the rights of women becoming the victims of violent actions and domestic violence to testify, to protest, to file petitions, to access criminal case materials, to acquire a legal agent to represent their rights and to protect other procedural rights.

As a part of continuing reforms realized in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, relations and exchanges of information between public and police agencies has always been improved, including, with the purpose of preventing the cases of domestic violence and taking operative measures, 102 and 902 service call center surrounding all cities and regions of the Republic, as well as "Information Portal", "Hotline", "Unsafe city" observatory and watch systems, and e-mail are operating.

Suggestions have been provided to upper and central executive organs in a sequence with the objective of making necessary additions and amendments to normative legal acts in progress related to implementary mechanisms of obligations in police activity areas. Those amendments are reflected in "the Rules for the organization and maintenance of a database on domestic violence", "Rules for prophylactic registration of persons committing domestic violence and carrying out educational and preventive measures for those persons", "Procedure for considering complaints when domestic violence complaints do not contain signs of crime", "the Rules on the assistance centers to victims of domestic violence", "the Rules on accreditation of non-state aid centers for victims of domestic violence".

Meanwhile, in accordance with the recommendations of the UN and the European Union human rights institutions, with the objective of summarizing the crimes committed against women and children, including violent acts,

assessing and monitoring the current situation, especially with regard to the demographic and criminogenic situation in the regions, creation and systemization of appropriate database have been provided; indicators of classification of crimes, the persons committing crimes and victims of crimes have been added.

2. Statistical data on gender-related killings of women for the last three years (2016-2019):

| Years | Total number of intentional killings / homicides | Total number of women/men killed by intimate partners | Total number of women/men killed by a family member | Other gender related killings women/men |
|-------------------|--|---|---|---|
| 2016 | 199 | - | 12 / 27 | 60 / 109 |
| 2017 | 181 | - | 39 / 19 | 38 / 105 |
| 2018 | 190 | - | 38 / 16 | 28 / 137 |
| 10 months of 2019 | 146 | - | 24 / 8 | 28 / 95 |

- a) No record found on number of killings of children in the context of gender related violence against women;
- b) Number of suicides by women and men, as a result of gender based violence (including domestic violence and abuse, forced marriage etc.):

| Years | Total | Number of suicides | |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|
| | | By women | By men |
| 2016 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2017 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 2018 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 months of 2019 | 3 | 3 | 0 |

Ministry of Internal Affairs