



**Convention on the Elimination
of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women**

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**Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on
the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women**

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New York, 30 July 2008

Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

**Election, in accordance with article 17, paragraphs 4 and 5,
of the Convention, of eleven members of the Committee to
replace those whose terms are due to expire on
31 December 2008**

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Secretary-General invited the States parties to the Convention to submit their nominations by 30 April 2008 for the election of 11 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Information on 19 persons nominated is contained in CEDAW/SP/2008/3. One additional nomination has been received, as follows: Sajida Abdulvahabova (Azerbaijan).
2. The curriculum vitae of the above-mentioned candidate, as furnished by the Government, is attached (see annex).
3. In a note dated 22 May 2008, the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations informed the Secretariat of the decision of its Government to withdraw the nomination of Latifa Jbabdi as a candidate for election to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

* CEDAW/SP/2008/1.

Annex

Sajida Abdulvahabova (Azerbaijan)

Date and place of birth

2 June 1947, Absheron region, Azerbaijan

Languages

Azerbaijani, Russian, English (good)

Position/function

1974-present: Baku State University, professor

1997-present: Director of the NGO “Women Problems’ Research Union”

2003-present: Head of the women group “Coalition-1325” (Security Council resolution 1325 on Women and Peace and Security)

Main professional activities

Women rights’ protection (including Constitution of Azerbaijan, Beijing platform and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW));

Involvement of women in the peace process;

Increase the level of political knowledge and general civic education of women;

As a director of “Women Problems’ Research Union” she has conducted a number of trainings in Baku and in the regions of Azerbaijan on conflict prevention, advocacy, women’s participation in election processes and women’s human rights.

Project titles

Women leadership and policy studies;

Women for just elections;

Women in business activity;

Women right in Family;

Woman election activity in the outskirts;

Peace education for women journalists;

Peace education for women.

She was national coordinator of regional (South Caucasus) manual “Gender and Peace Education”.

Education

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Specialty</i>
Doctor, Prof	1993	Baku State University	Physics
	1969-1974	Postgraduate student of Union Institute of Nuclear Investigation, Moscow	
	1965-1969	Qualifications of physics, Baku State University	

Author of over 100 scientific articles, participant of many scientific conferences

Other activities

As a head of the women group “Coalition-1325” she conducted a wide-scaled consultation to assess the needs and priorities of women in communities, ensuring that these priorities are reflected in the Poverty Reduction Strategy and National Plan of Action for Women.

She was one of the two author-experts of the National Plan of the Action on Gender and family issues in Azerbaijan.

She is a member of women networks — Women’s empowerment (*Kvinna till Kvinna Sweden*); Omnibus 1325 (OWEN-Germany); Women for peace in South Caucasus.

She has taken part in a number of regional, international conferences and seminars.

Most recent publications

- The history of human rights;
- Gender problems in the conception of Peace Culture;
- Women’s role in the popularization of Peace Culture;
- Fundraising and marketing for NGO;
- “Gender and Peace Education” manual.

Using from the provisions of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) as the guiding framework, the “Gender and Peace Education” manual provides methodological guidance for trainers.

Editor of the magazines: Ballot box (1999), Woman’s Institute (2005)

Award

2006, Certificate of Appreciation from UNIFEM in recognition of the significant contribution in promotion of gender equality and advancement of women.