

Central Commission of the Republic of Belarus on Elections  
and Holding Republican Referenda

Gender equality  
& elections



**BELARUS**  
**in focus**

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# FACTS ABOUT BELARUS

- Land area: 207,600 km<sup>2</sup>
- Capital: Minsk
- Population: 9,5 millions  
(2018)
- Women – 5,1 millions  
(≈ 53,7 %)
- Voters: 6,9 millions  
(2018)



# BASE OF ELECTORAL SYSTEM

- ⌘ Constitution of the Republic of Belarus
- ⌘ Electoral Code of the Republic of Belarus
- ⌘ Resolutions of the Central Commission
- ⌘ Other legislative acts of the Republic of Belarus

The Republic of Belarus applies a simple majority system under which deputies of any level and the President of the Republic of Belarus are elected directly by electors in the republic. Elections of the President and deputies are free and conducted on the basis of direct, equal and universal suffrage by secret ballot.

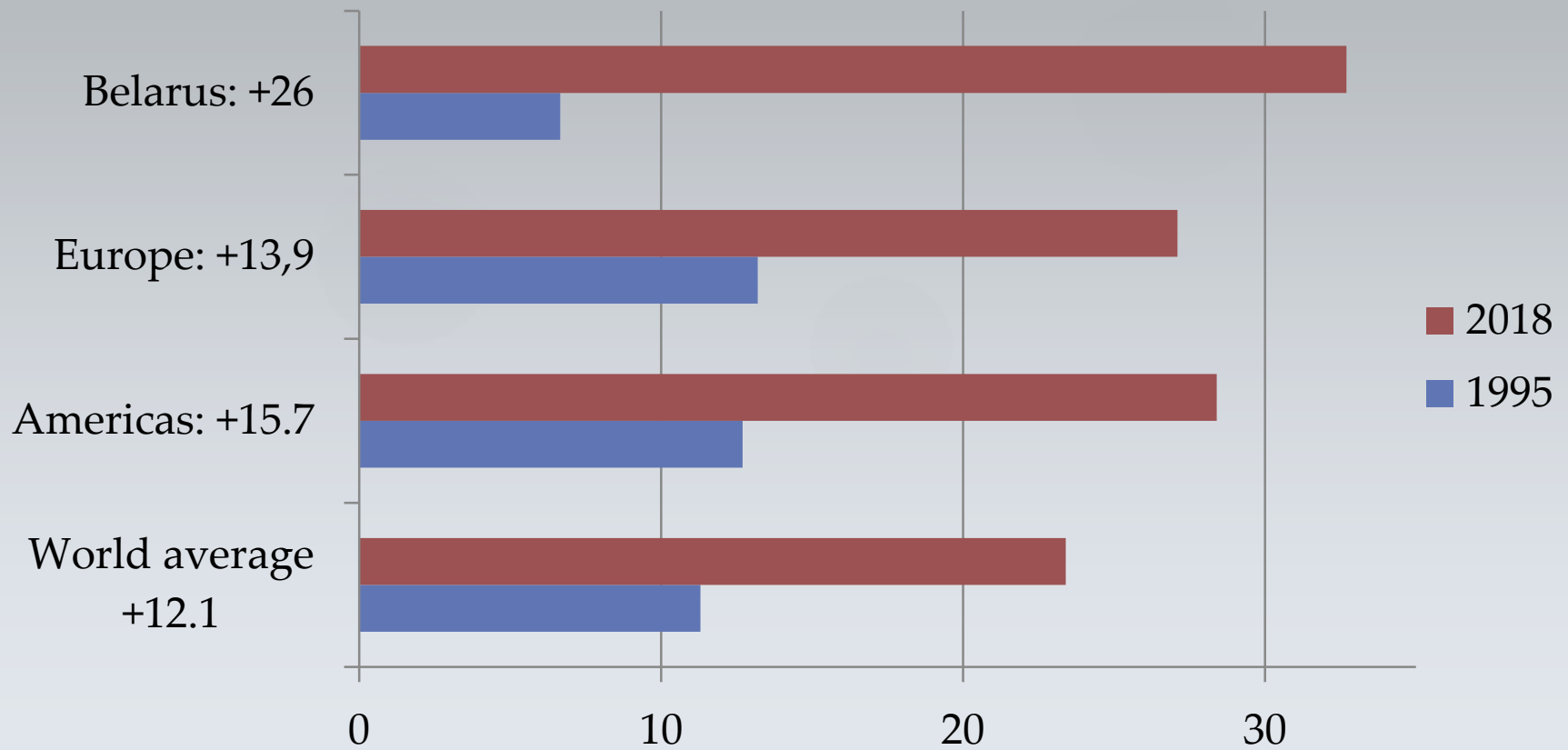
# Human Development Report 2016



Country	Gender Development Index (GDI)	Human Development Index (HDI)		Gender Inequality Index (GII)
	2015	2015	2015	2017
	Value	Female	Male	Rank
Norway	0.993	0.994	0.951	<b>6</b>
Italy	0.963	0.865	0.899	<b>16</b>
Belarus	1.021	0.803	0.786	<b>32</b>
United States	0.993	0.915	0.922	<b>43</b>
Moldova	1.010	0.702	0.695	<b>46</b>
Russia	1.016	0.809	0.796	<b>52</b>
Ukraine	1.000	0.741	0.741	<b>55</b>
Kyrgyzstan	0.987	0.648	0.671	<b>90</b>

# World and regional averages of women in parliaments, 1995 and 2018

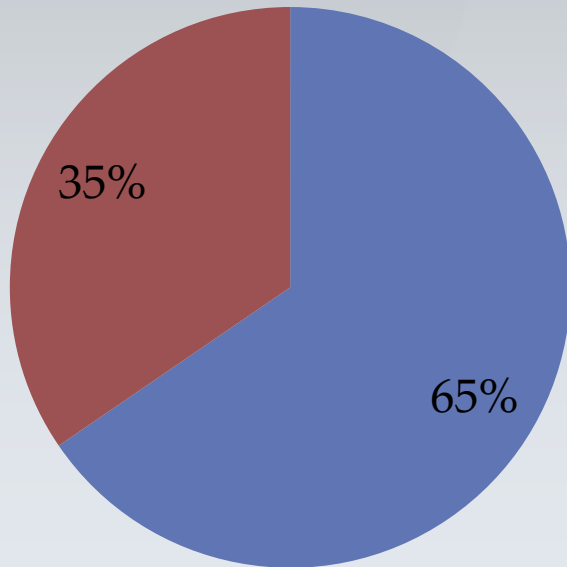
Situation in July 1995 and January 2018, both houses combined.



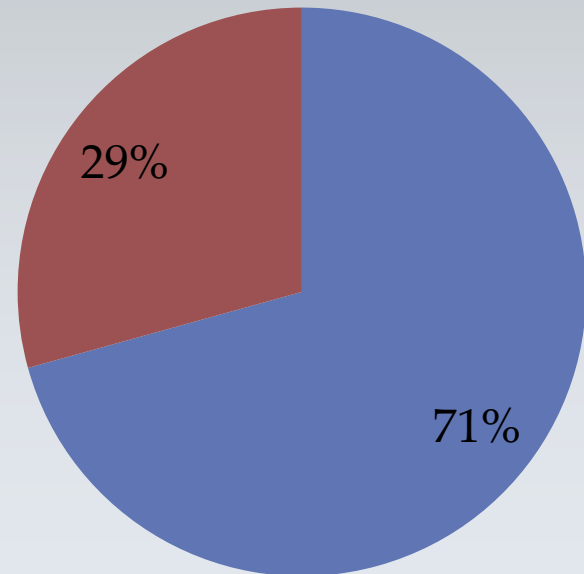
\*according Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

# THE PARLIAMENT

House of  
Representatives  
110 seats – 38 women

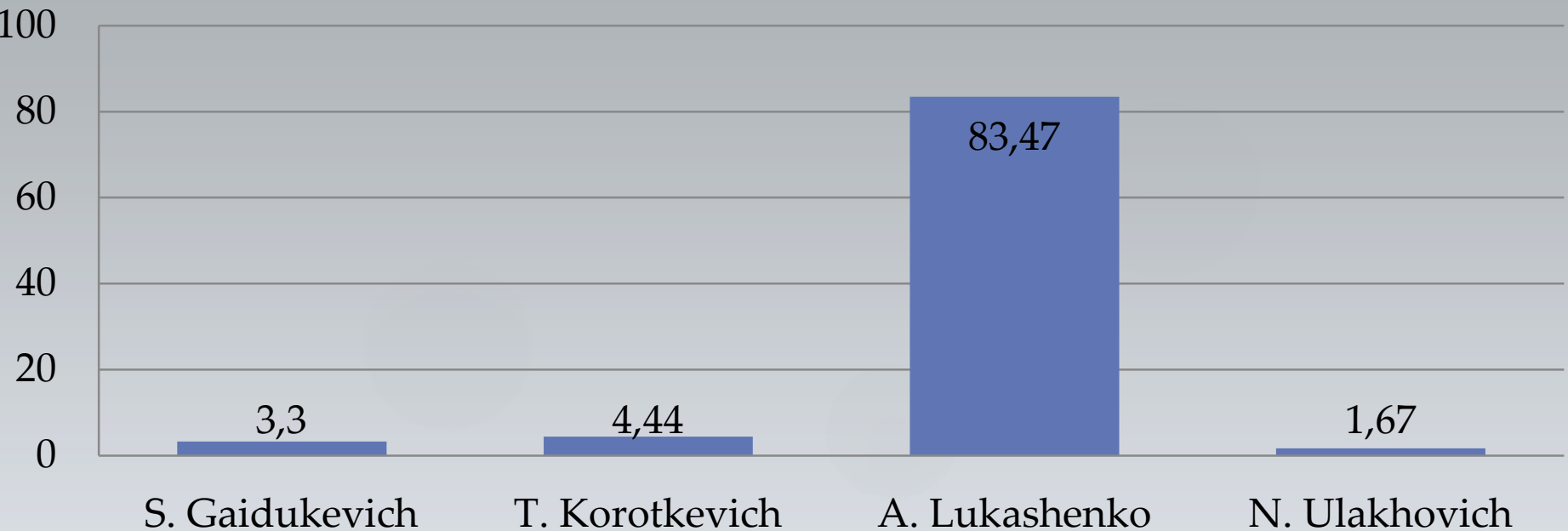


Council of the Republic  
58 seats – 17 women



■ MEN  
■ WOMEN

# PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS-2015







# Belarusian Union of Women



- established in 1991
- more than 183,000 members
- 4,000+ primary organizations







Natalya Kochanova  
The Head of the Belarus President  
Administration



N. Ermakova      T. Vinnikova  
Former Chairpersons of the National Bank Board



Marianna Shchetkina  
Deputy Chairman of the Council  
of the Republic



Lidia Ermoshina  
The Chairperson of the CEC



Anastasia Dorofeeva  
The GREENS Party President



Alena Kupchyna  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
to Austria and to Croatia,  
Permanent Representative to the International  
Organizations in Vienna and to the OSCE



Marina Dolgoplova  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary to Latvia



Natallia Karpovich  
Deputy Chairwoman of the  
Constitutional Court



Zhanna Shkurdyuk  
Deputy Chairperson of The Supreme Court,  
Chairperson of the Judicial Board for  
intellectual property of the Supreme Court



Irina Kostevich  
Minister of Labour and  
Social Protection



Inna Medvedeva  
Chairperson of the National  
Statistical Committee

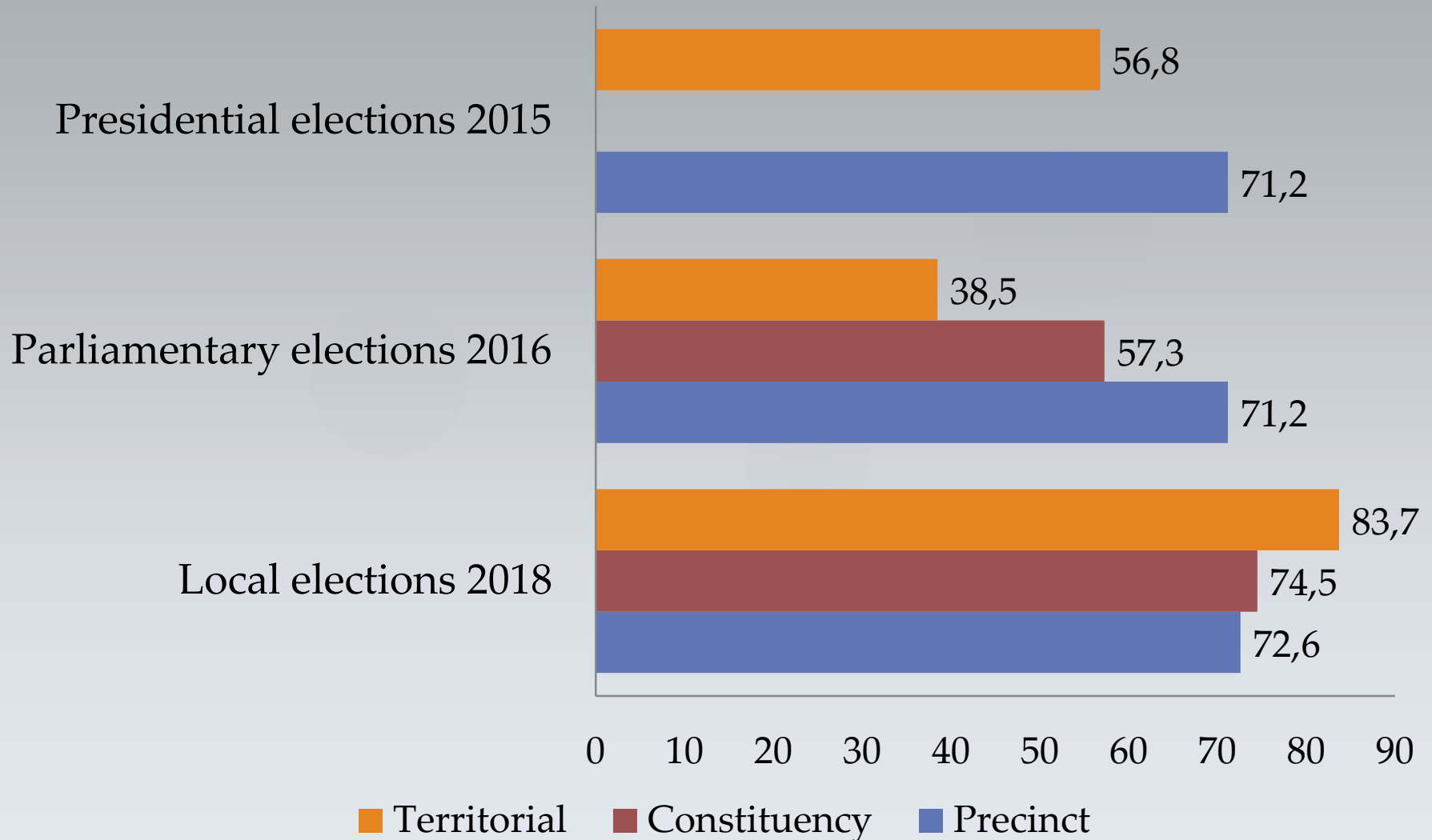


Elena Kudryavets  
Director General of  
the Belarusian Potash Company

## WOMEN IN POLITICAL PARTIES

	Membership	The percentage of women	Women's arm
<b>United civil party</b>	3830	920 (24%)	Yes
<b>GREENS (BPP)</b>	1500	40%	Yes
<b>Social Democratic Party</b>	1150	231 (20%)	Yes
<b>Belarusian Labor Party</b>	1018	40%	No
<b>BPF Party</b>	1858	30%	Yes
<b>Party "A Just World"</b>	3250	45%	Yes

# WOMEN IN ELECTORAL COMMISSIONS





# CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION

CURRENT COMPOSITION  
**6 women & 6 men**



WHETHER WOMEN ARE BETTER THAN MEN I CANNOT SAY —  
BUT I CAN SAY THEY ARE CERTAINLY NO WORSE.

GOLDA MEIR  
stateswoman, politician and  
the fourth prime minister of Israel,  
the first woman to hold the title

**Thank you for your attention!**