## Kazakhstan, UNFPA discuss strengthening role of women in promoting peace and security in region

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**Bishkek (AKIpress)** - Kazakhstan's Secretary of State Gulshara Abdykalikova met on November 22 with the Regional Director of the UN Population Fund for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Alanna Armitage, the press service of Akorda reported.

The sides discussed a number of topical issues of cooperation between Kazakhstan and UNFPA in the gender policy implementation, strengthening the role of women in promoting peace and security in the region.

Abdykalikova noted effective cooperation in matters of family planning, reproductive health and prevention of domestic violence. She made it clear that Kazakhstan is committed to the full implementation of Sustainable Development Goals before 2030 at the national and global levels.

To date, three country programs have already been successfully actualized, and the fourth cycle program for 2016-2020 has started. Sub-regional office in Almaty has been institutionalized, which is indicative of Kazakhstan's central role in the region.

UNFPA has instrumented a range of maternal mortality mitigation measures, introduction of modern international technologies to ensure safe motherhood and perinatal care regionalization.