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IN THE ACTIVITIES OF MILITARY FORMATIONS IN LEGAL NORMS:  
FOREIGN EXPERIENCE**

Research article notes that the problem of gender equality is relevant not only for Ukraine but also for many countries. At the same time, there are many countries that have long-term effective gender policies, including the armed forces and other military formations, where the issue of gender equality is most actual.

An analysis of foreign experience in implementing the principle of gender equality in the activities of military formations in Norway, Israel, Myanmar, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Sweden, Spain, Iran and the United States is carried out. Statistics on the implementation of gender policy in the activities of military formations in some countries are presented.

The gender policy in the United States Armed Forces (USA) has been covered in more detail since the mid-twentieth century, when women were legally empowered to serve in the regular and reserve forces of the military. It is noted that in general,

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women were engaged in almost everything except direct participation in military combat, but in 1993, women were banned from participating in hostilities as pilots. They were able to perform any function in the US Air Force. Instead, in 1994, a ban was imposed on women to take part in direct hostilities on the ground. This ban was in effect until 2013. Two years later, American women servicemen were given a real opportunity to serve in any unit, without restrictions. Today, women can be seen in the cabins and attack aircraft, and combat helicopters, and the most modern fighters. In the US military, about 15 % of women are in the active army and about 23 % in the reserve. There have been women generals in the United States for a long time.

The need to apply the experience of the United States and other countries in the implementation of the principle of gender equality in the Armed Forces of Ukraine and the National Guard of Ukraine and the desire for parity of women and men in the Armed Forces of Ukraine is considered.

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