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SYNOPSIS

- 19 March: 100th anniversary of the “International Women’s Day”
- today’s conference shows two things:
 - relevance of the issue of gender discrimination now and then
 - success and achievements of the women’s movement over time
- short history of the development of women’s rights in Germany
 - Weimar Republic, Nazi Germany
 - developments after World War II: new constitution, associated reforms
- comment on current trends and challenges in my country.
 - trends: number of female graduates, full-time positions
 - however: lack of women in leading positions
 - current debate: how to improve women’s share
 - a quota: pros and cons
- conclusion: a brief outlook on likely future developments
 - the “pact for increased women power”
 - prospects till 2013