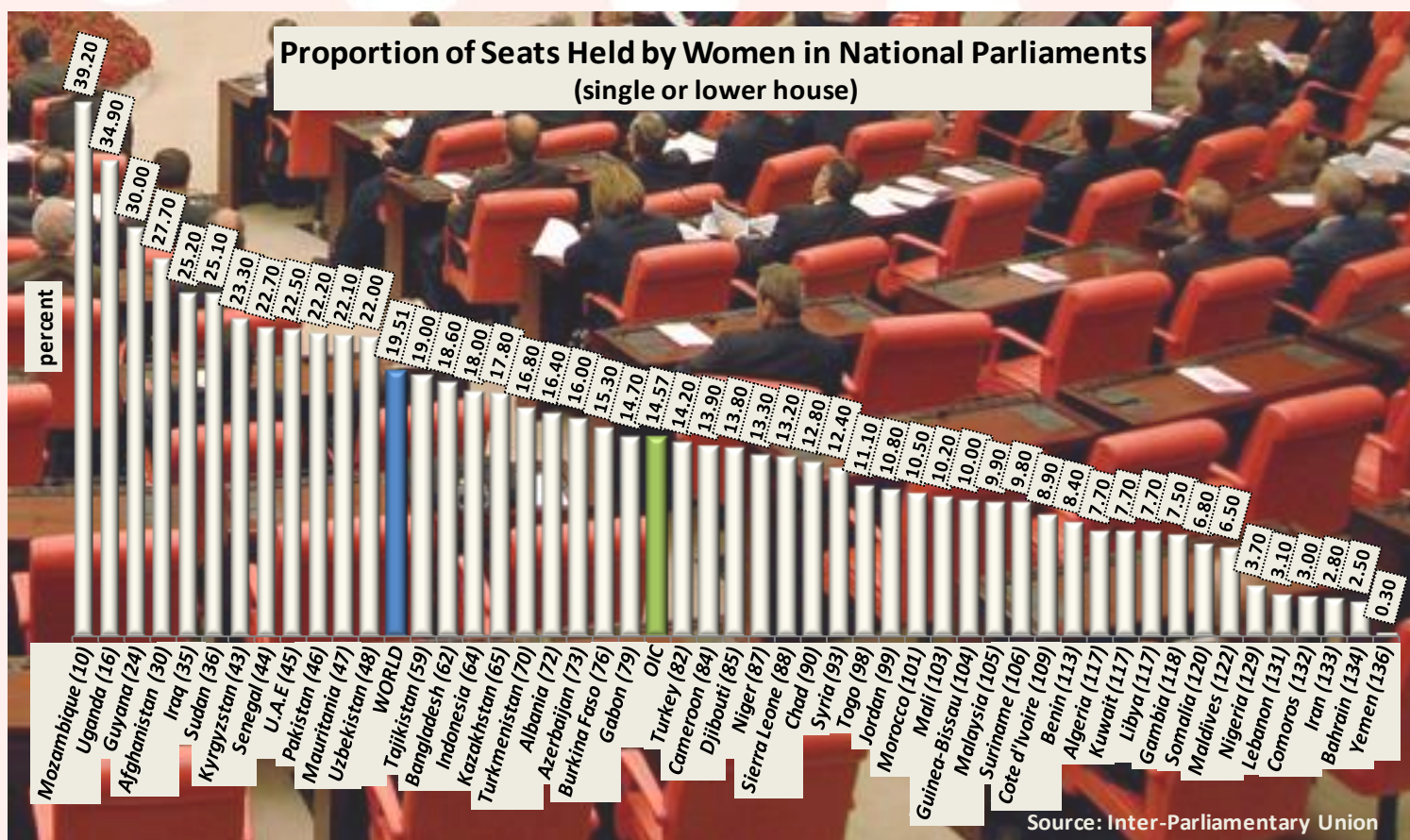


DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ As of 31 August 2011, 1459 women member of parliaments (MPs) in OIC member countries constituted 14.57% of total MP population in OIC whereas the world average is 19.51%.
- ✓ The share of women MPs is above the OIC average in 21 member countries. 12 of them, **Mozambique, Uganda, Guyana, Afghanistan, Iraq, Sudan, Kyrgyzstan, Senegal, U.A.E., Pakistan, Mauritania and Uzbekistan** and managed to surpass the world average, as well.
- ✓ **Mozambique** ranked 1st with the proportion of seats held by women being as high as 39.2% of total MPs in its national parliament This high percentage of women representation secured Mozambique to hold the 10th position in the world.
- ✓ **Uganda** and **Guyana** also situated within top 25 countries with women MPs constituting higher than 30% of total MP population in their parliaments.
- ✓ On the other hand, the percentage of women in the single or lower houses of parliaments is lower than 5% in **Nigeria, Lebanon, Comoros, Iran, Bahrain and Yemen.**



- Egypt: The People's Assembly and the Shoura Assembly were dissolved by the Egypt Supreme Council of Armed Forces (ESCAF) on 13 February 2011. The percentage of women in the parliament was around 1.8% previously.
- Guinea: The parliament was dissolved following the December 2008 coup. The percentage of women in the parliament was around 19.3% previously.
- Tunisia: On 8 and 9 February 2011 respectively, in accordance with Article 28 of the Constitution, the Chamber of Deputies and the Chamber of Councillors invested the Acting President with the power to rule the country by decree on key issues. The Parliament has since ceased to function. The percentage of women in the parliament was around 27.6% previously.
- The lower houses or senates of Oman, Saudi Arabia and Qatar do not have women representation, though the percentage of women MPs in upper house of Qatar is 19.4%.