

Draft Zero proposal of the members of the cross regional core group conformed by Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, El Salvador, Eslovenia, Germany, Italy, Turkiye, Philippines, Slovakia, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

Identification of possible gaps in the protection of the human rights of older persons and how best to address them

The Open-ended Working Group,

Recalling paragraph 28 of resolution 65/182, in which the Assembly decided to establish an open-ended working group, open to all States Members of the United Nations, for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons by considering the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and identifying possible gaps and how best to address them, including by considering, as appropriate, the feasibility of further instruments and measures,

Having considered relevant areas for the protection of the human rights of older persons, including “equality and non-discrimination” and “neglect, violence and abuse”, at its eighth session, “autonomy and independence” and “long term and palliative care” at its ninth session, “social protection and social security” and “education, training, lifelong learning and capacity building” at its tenth session, “access to justice” and “right to work and access to the labor market” at its eleventh session, “economic security” and “contribution of older persons to sustainable development” at its twelfth session, and “right to health and access to health services” and “social inclusion” at its thirteenth session.

Requests the Chair of the Open Ended Working Group on Ageing to appoint two co-facilitators no later than 1 May 2023, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to facilitate the identification of possible gaps and how best to address them and invites the co-facilitators to conduct open, transparent and inclusive informal consultations between the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions of the Working Group, including with Members States, the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations;

Requests the co-facilitators to submit at the fourteenth session of the Open Ended Working Group on Ageing a proposal regarding the possible gaps and options on how best to address them for consideration by the Working Group and submission to the Assembly at its 78th session;

Decides to include in the agenda of its fourteenth session an agenda item entitled “Identification of possible gaps in the protection of the human rights of older persons and how best to address them”