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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing and I wish to thank all the Organizations for their active participation during the Thirteen Session of the Working Group, held in New York from 3- 6 April 2023.

At its 7th meeting, the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing adopted decision 13/1, entitled “Identification of possible gaps in the protection of the human rights of older persons and how best to address them”, by which it:

- “(a) Request[ed] 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 work with the Bureau to set a clear timetable and to facilitate the consideration of the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and the identification of possible gaps in the protection of the human rights of older persons and how best to address them, and invites the co-facilitators to conduct open, transparent and inclusive informal intergovernmental meetings between the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions of the Working Group, with all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies, and observers in the General Assembly, and to collaborate with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations and the Independent Expert of the Human Rights Council on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, within her mandate, during the process;

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- (b) Request[ed] the co-facilitators to submit proposed intergovernmental negotiated recommendations to be considered at the fourteenth session of the Working Group and to be presented for consideration by the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution [77/190](#), regarding the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and possible gaps, and options on how best to address them.”

In this regard, I have the honor to inform you that I have decided to appoint H.E. Ms. Ana Paula Zacarias, Permanent Representative of Portugal, and H.E. Mr. Ronaldo Costa Filho, Permanent Representative of Brazil, as co-facilitators to facilitate the consideration of the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and the identification of possible gaps in the protection of the human rights of older persons and how best to address them.

I would like to thank Ambassador Zacarias and Ambassador Costa Filho for having accepted this very important responsibility. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them throughout the process.

Please, find enclosed to this letter the aforementioned decision adopted by Member States at the Thirteenth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing in April 2023.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative