

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

QUESTIONNAIRE

Background

The Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, in its [decision 13/1](#) adopted at the thirteenth session, requested 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.

The purpose of this questionnaire is meant 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.

The questionnaire will be sent to all States Members of the United Nations, observers in the General Assembly, A-status National Human Rights Institutions, non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC Status and previously accredited organizations to the Working Group, as well as United Nations Funds, Programmes, Specialized Agencies and other UN Entities.

The Questions

[Identification of gaps](#)

1. For each of the topics that have been considered by the Open-ended Working Group since its eighth session, please state possible gaps your Government/organization has identified in the normative framework and practical implementation for the protection of the human rights of older persons. *(500 words each)*

- a) Equality and non-discrimination
- b) Violence, neglect and abuse
- c) Long-term care and palliative care
- d) Autonomy and independence
- e) Protection et sécurité sociales (y compris protection sociale minimale)
- f) Education, training, lifelong learning and capacity-building
- g) Right to Work and Access to the Labour Market
- h) Access to justice
- i) Contribution of Older Persons to Sustainable Development
- j) Economic security

- k) Right to Health and Access to Health Services
- l) Social Inclusion
- m) Accessibility, infrastructure and habitat (transport, housing and access)¹
- n) Participation in the public life and in decision-making processes²

Options on how best to address the gaps

1. Please state how your Government/organization has engaged with international and regional human rights mechanisms (for example: universal periodic review (UPR) treaty bodies, special procedures, regional mechanisms), specifically with regard to older persons. *(500 words)*
2. Have those engagement resulted in positive impact in strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons? Please elaborate. *(500 words)*
3. What other options can be considered to strengthen the protection of older persons? Please elaborate. *(500 words)*
4. *If applicable*, what is your assessment on the protection of the human rights of older persons according to regional and international instruments? *(500 words)*

The Deadline

Deadline to send responses to the questionnaire is 24 November 2023.

All inputs will be posted online.

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¹ To be discussed at the 14th Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing

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