



**The Permanent Missions of Argentina and Brazil to the United Nations and
The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People**

Invites all to attend:

**Violence and Mistreatment of Older People.
A Dialogue on the Need for a Human Rights Based Approach**

**Wednesday 3rd August 2011
From: 13:15 to 14:30**

Conference Room A, North Lawn Building, United Nations, New York

Elder abuse and maltreatment occur not only within the family environment but also within societies' many institutions. It is fueled by centuries of age and gender discrimination, family violence dynamics, a life course of social and economic disadvantages as well as by harmful cultural and traditional practices. Given rapid population ageing the number of older persons at risk elder abuse in its multiple forms will rise – unless measures to control it are put in place. For that the human and economic costs of elder abuse need to be confronted and brought to the open – through actions such as those led by NGOs like the International Network on Prevention of Elder Abuse, INPEA, the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older Persons, and organizations such as the World Health Organization. It has become imperative to adopt a Human Rights approach in fighting what many have called society's last taboo. Lasting solutions will require strong partnership with Governments listening to the voices of Older Persons within a framework of strengthened International Human Rights Law.

Dr. Alex Kalache, Senior Advisor, **Global Alliance on the Rights of Older People**, and former Director, WHO Ageing and Life Course Department will facilitate an in-depth discussion among Governments, experts, NGO Representatives and Older Persons.

Welcome: Dr. Lia Daichman, Geriatrician, Buenos Aires, President, **International Longevity Centre**, Argentina, INPEA Past President.

Opening remarks: Dr. Monica Roque, Director, **Buenos Aires Program on Ageing**, "National efforts to Recognize and Respond to Elder Abuse in all settings."

Morbidity and Mortality as a consequence of Elder abuse, and The New EU Study.
Dr. John Beard, Director, WHO Ageing and Life Course Department

The Extent of the problem, a global look at Elder abuse Studies: Professor Patricia Brownell, Fordham University, New York – also representing INPEA

Older Persons Voices: forum participants will be invited to present experiences of elder abuse within their countries

Closing: Susan Somers, JD, Secretary General, INPEA

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