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**ACAMAGE INPUT FOR OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGENG  
CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENT FOR OLDER PERSONS**

**Dear Mr. Venne,**

**ACAMAGE (Association Camerounaise pour la Prise en charge des Personnes Agées) is an NGO taking care of older people in Cameroon, Working on older people's rights, intergenerational solidarity, information and MIPAE following up.**

We attended the second and third session of the OEWG (The Executive President) in New York. If we are able to make it again, we will attend the upcoming fourth session. We thoroughly support the new Convention on the Rights of Older Persons, along with our NETWORK ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE. This is even our slogan since the last session: ALL as ONE FOR THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE.

**Relevant NGO's are invited to provide inputs on the issues referred to in General Assembly resolution 67/139 and in particular on :**

**(a)PURPOSE :**

Adopting A new Convention on older people's rights will certainly fill in the gaps noticed on already existing instruments on the issue. This is very important because people over the world are growing older and older and demand our attention.

**(b) GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

As the populations of older people are growing over the world, they should henceforth be considered as development actors meaning that we should give all the means TO achieve this goal. ACAMAGE EVERY DAY ACTION I IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE; ACAMAGE also reviewed, along with the civil society, the MIPAA + 10

**(c) DEFINITIONS – PARTICULARLY OF OLD AGE/OLDER PERSON**

Older person is the one aged 60 and beyond, but this can move even up to 63 , 65 as people are aging more and more.

**(d) EQUALITY AND NON DISCRIMINATION AS APPLIED TO OLDER PERSONS**

Before, older persons were venerated, but now, they are no longer considered due to economic crisis which prevent families, friends, children to take care of older persons in terms of health, income generating activities, housing....

Equality as far as economic opportunity is concerned, and credit

Older women, in addition to this, supports gender issues : women aged more than men, more discriminated, more violented in terms of resource (lands...) and accused of witchcraft

whereas older persons gives valuable contributions as far as development is concerned

**(e) SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS TO BE INCLUDED**

ACAMAGE is suggesting that the following human rights must be included in a human rights instruments to protect older people :

- Right to equal access to health care, HIV CARE and mental care
- Right to equal access to food and water
- Right to dignity
- Right to economic, security and development
- Right to credit
- Right to participation in local and national concern

- Right to self fulfillment
- Right to age friendly environment
- Right to decent work
- Right to education
- Right to entertainment
- Right to decent housing
- Right to social protection
- Right to retirement pension
- Right to live without abuse, focusing on women

#### **(f) NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY MECHANISM**

Nationally and internationally, ACAMAGE suggest periodic (after every three months) supervision or evaluation of the implementation of human rights instruments by countries official as aging is concerned, even DESA. Funding is also very important to enhance those activities.

ACAMAGE is always up for the wellbeing of older persons who should be considered in their societies as development actors. So, the CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS is very important, and the work of the Open Ended Working Group on Ageing too.

THANK YOU,

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