

## **UNODC's inputs on the human rights of older persons to the Thirteenth Session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing**

*The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is pleased to submit to the attention of the Chair of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, Her Excellency María del Carmen Squeff, its inputs on the rights of older persons, to inform the thirteenth Session of the Working Group for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the rights of older persons.*

### **Focus area 1: Right to health and access to health services**

*What steps have been taken to ensure that every older person has access to affordable and good quality health care and services in older age without discrimination?*

#### **Commission on Narcotic Drugs on mainstreaming a gender and age perspective into drug-related policies**

In the 2019 Ministerial Declaration on Strengthening Our Actions at the National, Regional and International Levels to Accelerate the Implementation of Our Joint Commitments to Address and Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>1</sup> Member States recognized the importance of appropriately mainstreaming a gender and age perspective into drug-related policies and programmes and that appropriate emphasis should be placed on individuals, families, communities and society as a whole, with a view to promoting and protecting health, including access to treatment, safety and the well-being of all humanity.

### **Focus area 2: Social inclusion**

*What are the legal provisions, policy frameworks and/or measures in your country that explicitly focus on older persons who are marginalized on the grounds of their sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, economic or other status? (This may include addressing older populations on frameworks dedicated to other marginalized groups such as women, persons with disabilities, migrants, minorities, homeless people etc.; or addressing marginalized groups within frameworks devoted to older persons)*

#### **Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the protection of victims of crime**

In the Kyoto Declaration on Advancing Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law: Towards the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>2</sup> Member States committed to protecting the rights and interests of victims of crime and make efforts to assist them at every stage of criminal justice proceedings, giving due attention to the special needs and circumstances of victims, including age, gender-specific and other needs, and disabilities, as well as to the harms caused by crime, including trauma, and endeavour to provide victims with the means that may assist in their recovery, including the possibility to obtain compensation and reparation.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.unodc.org/documents/commissions/CND/2019/Ministerial\\_Declaration.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/commissions/CND/2019/Ministerial_Declaration.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.unodc.org/documents/commissions/Congress/21-02815\\_Kyoto\\_Declaration\\_ebook\\_rev\\_cover.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/commissions/Congress/21-02815_Kyoto_Declaration_ebook_rev_cover.pdf)