



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

**United Nation's Open-ended Working Group on Ageing
for the Purpose of Strengthening the Protection of the Human Rights of Older Persons**
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Statement

My name is Juanita Carrillo and I represent the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics. The IAGG is an association of seventy-two member organizations in sixty-four countries throughout the world. The mission of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics is to promote the highest levels of achievement in gerontological research and training world-wide. The association pursues these activities with a view of enhancing the highest quality of life and well-being of all people as they experience ageing at individual and societal levels.

The IAGG is a founding member of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older people, an alliance that is a social movement working for the creation of an international instrument to protect the rights of older persons around the world. IAGG is fully supportive and appreciative of the efforts of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing and we have had representatives attending every meeting of the first and second sessions. We have heard, at this session, the suggestion of the creation of a special rapporteur. We see how that could contribute to strengthening older persons' rights and we would support its creation provided that the mandate clearly allows for the creation of new international rights instruments.

I would like to congratulate the Open-ended Working Group for the excellent discussions and panel presentations that have provided us the opportunity to become aware of existing gaps in human rights protection for older persons at the international level and that have recommended measures to address these gaps.

We are concerned that visibility of older persons is still lacking in some major areas here at the United Nations and we want to take this opportunity to urge that ageing groups and their interests be included in such conferences as Rio+20.

May I say, in closing, that the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics offers its expertise as a resource to any member state in the development of ageing policies, both nationally and internationally.

Thank you.

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