**NORMATIVE INPUT : OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP 10TH SESSION**

**OLDER PEOPLE’S RIGHT TO AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE**

**Affirmation**

1. Older persons should have the right to be autonomous and independent.

**Scope of the right**

* 1. Older persons have the right to continue to participate, despite their age, in the development of their society, with autonomy and independence because they will always be key elements of the prosperity of the country. With their experiences, the support of older persons is determinant for future generations.
  2. Older persons have the right to express their opinion, their religion and their political ideas.
  3. Older persons have the right to take part in the elections processes.
  4. Older persons have the right to offer some professional services.
  5. Older persons have the right to inform and to be informed, to train and to be trained, to educate and to be educated, as other citizens.

**State obligations**

1. State Parties shall take appropriate and effective measures :
   1. To ensure autonomy and independence for older persons in effective legal framework and mechanisms.
   2. To provide support for income-generating projects for self-reliance and retraining of older people.