

Information of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan regarding the survey of the United Nations (UN) Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA)

Identification of gaps

1. For each of the topics that have been considered by the Open-ended Working Group since its eighth session, please state possible gaps your Government/organization has identified in the normative framework and practical implementation for the protection of the human rights of older persons.

Protecting the rights of older persons, enhancement of their social welfare, and ensuring decent living conditions are among the top priorities of the socio-economic policy implemented in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Based on the official statistical records of early 2023, the older population aged 65 and above in Azerbaijan amounted to 860 thousand individuals, accounting for 8.5% of the overall age distribution. Based on forecasts, it is anticipated that the aging process of the population will continue in Azerbaijan in the coming years, similar to trends observed in numerous other countries. An expected rise in the absolute number and percentage of older individuals is envisaged.

Given the present situation and emerging trends regarding the older population in the country, it is a priority to ensure the continuation of policies that take into consideration the aging phenomenon across multiple domains; these policies should be adapted to effectively tackle the emerging challenges and demands.

Options on how best to address the gaps

1. Please state how your Government/organization has engaged with international and regional human rights mechanisms (for example: universal periodic review (UPR) treaty bodies, special procedures, regional mechanisms), specifically with regard to order persons.

As part of the fourth review and assessment of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) for the period of 2018-2022, the Government of Azerbaijan has prepared a comprehensive national report based on the Survey of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). Furthermore, the Republic of Azerbaijan has provided detailed responses to an extensive questionnaire issued by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

Following a bottom-up approach, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan conducted a comprehensive collection, analysis, and systematization of information from relevant government institutions, NGOs, and international organisations regarding the execution of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) in the country.

As a culmination of the assessment process, Azerbaijan attended in the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing held in Rome, Italy, and the Intergovernmental Meeting on Ageing in the Asia-Pacific region held in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2022. Within these events, Azerbaijan presented statements and made contributions related to aging issues.