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**Guiding Questions for Defining the Normative Content of the Issues Examined at the Tenth Working Session of the Open-ended Working Group:
Social Protection and Social Security (including social protection floors)**

Definition

1. What is the definition of the right to social security and social protection (including social protection floors) for older persons in the national legislation in your country? Or how should such a right be defined, considering existing national, regional and international legal framework?

Scope of the right

2. What are the key normative elements of the right to social protection and social security for older persons? Please provide references to existing standards on such elements as below, as well as any additional elements:

- a) Availability of contributory and non-contributory schemes for older persons
- b) Adequacy of benefits to guarantee older person's access to an adequate standard of living and adequate access to health care
- c) Accessibility, including older person's coverage by social security systems, eligibility criteria, and affordability of contributions
- d) Equitable access by older persons to the enjoyment of the right to social security and social protection, paying special attention to groups in vulnerable situation
- e) Participation of older persons in the design and administration of the social security system

State obligations

3. What are the measures that should be undertaken by the State to respect, protect and fulfill the right of social security and social protection for older persons, regarding the normative elements as provided above?

Special considerations

- 4. What special measures and specific considerations should be considered in developing the normative content of the right of older persons to social protection and social security?
- 5. How should the responsibilities of non-State parties such as private sector be defined in the context of the right of older persons to social protection and social security?

Implementation

- 6. What are the best practices and main challenges faced by your country in the adoption and implementation of the normative framework on social security and social protection for older persons?