

**SOME POINTS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN STATEMENTS TO BE MADE AT THE OEWGA,  
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**POINT 4. DISCUSSION ON COVID-19**

- A. **LEGAL FRAMEWORK:** Protection of their rights during national emergencies is a fundamental right that guarantees equality and non-discrimination of older persons in the current pandemic. Age discrimination undermines equality and dignity. Older persons have the right to access to protección, medicine, vaccine, and everything to be safe on an equal basis with others.
- B. **AVAILABILITY:** In my country, COVID-19 has exposed the unacceptable state of healthcare services and long-term care. revealed the persistent neglect of older persons; disclosed age discrimination in decisions on medical care, triage and life-saving therapies; ignored the wishes of older persons with respect to their health situation; put older persons at risk because they are in care homes; brought untold fear, trauma and suffering among older persons and their families and Friends; increased resentment that older persons should receive treatment, even with their preexisting health conditions; caused social isolation and lack of connectivity among older persons, leading to depression, substance abuse, and other physical and mental health issues
- C. **ACCESSIBILITY:** It is a primary need to fight ageism, and to work on awareness, accessibility, availability, and effective remedies to solve the problems mentioned above. In particular, is fundamental educate the older person about their rights (literacy, translation into indigenous languages, and easy languages) and train all the labor market and society about human rights of older persons
- D. **ACCOUNTABILITY:** It is important to guarantee worldwide equal and effective participation of older persons in the decision making process about their lives and health, and the respect of the informed consent in those situations, such as the Regional level IAC Human rights older Persons, and the Protocol to African Charter do.
- E. **CLAME:** An international convention would guarantee for older persons everywhere: o protection of their rights during national emergencies. o clearly articulated human rights standards.

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**In sum, a new Convention will provide effective tools to combat ageism, will empower older people, promote their social value, their inclusion and make sustainable the construction of a society for all ages.**