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### 11th Session of Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing Submission of Endorsed Written Statement from 2Young2Retire Right to Work and Access to Labour Market

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## It's Time for Older Persons to Age with Rights

### About Us

In 2013, the global Pass It On Network (PION) was created by the Paris-based NGO, 2Young2Retire. Founded by Moira Allan (France) and Jan Hively (USA), the digital network of Active Ageing advocates now includes liaisons in 55 countries who collaborate with partner organizations, regional networks, and website subscribers and spread use of “what works” to combat ageism and support healthy, active ageing.

Accredited to the OEWGA in 2018, PION sent delegations to the 2018 and 2019 New York City meetings, and submitted comments regarding the Right to Education/Lifelong Learning, and Right to Work/Access to the Labor Market. In 2020, PION convened an April Side Event with four follow-up workshops connecting the two topics with the title, “Lifelong Learning and Earning.”

In 2021, we are reinforcing the infrastructure for our global digital network by establishing a 501c3 charitable corporation in the U.S., led by Kathleen Bailey as the managing officer along with Moira Allan as the International Coordinator. PION’s support of “Age with Rights” is expressed through two of our liaisons who are now Steering Group members of Global Alliance for Rights of Older People, Margaret Young (Canada) and Vijay Naraidoo (Mauritius).

### The Time is Now

The European Union’s *Green Paper on Ageing* shows how people of all ages could benefit from the extended productivity of older persons made possible by extended longevity – IF older persons remain relatively healthy and active, with ongoing support for lifelong learning. As the Green Paper states, high levels of education and good health are mutually reinforcing.

Support for extended productivity is essential because the birthrate has been going down in 50+ countries while longevity has been going up. Countries already having difficulty supporting the volume of payouts from social security systems may soon face a shortage of



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adult workers paying into the public pension systems. The world cannot afford to support the growth of long-lived persons dependent on welfare systems for up to 40 years. They have been prevented from ongoing access to the labor market by regulations such as mandatory retirement age and by the lack of free or low-cost older adult education for digital literacy and other 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.

As important, the lack of action to assert the rights of older persons has limited the potential for education to empower their productivity – and with it, their power to remain independent, develop their full potential and sense of self-worth, and participate fully in a multi-generational and multi-cultural society. The urgent need for a UN Convention asserting the rights of older persons was illustrated by the forward looking decision to mainstream GENDER in all SDG implementation at the January 14, 2021 UN Human Rights meeting (See [Building Back Better: Integrating Human Rights in Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)). **It's time NOW for OEGWA to start drafting a UN Convention for rights of older persons and mainstream consideration of AGE WITH RIGHTS on the Human Rights Council agenda.**

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