

11th Session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing

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It is time for a UN Convention on the Human Rights of Older Persons. We cannot delay this any longer. The COVID19 pandemic has clearly shown that older persons are disadvantaged in societies around the world and have borne the brunt of massive fatalities. Let's work towards protecting all rights of older persons:

- The right to have a voice/say in policy decisions that impact our lives
- The right for safety in health care – wherever we are, not just in hospitals but also at home
- The right to have digital connections so we are not left behind, isolated and neglected
- The right for justice when our rights are violated
- The right to be engaged in society and make meaningful contributions
- The right for affordable and safe housing and not “warehoused” based on outdated policies rooted in the penal system
- And much more.

We simply end this submission by saying, let's not neglect older persons.