



Open-ended Working Group on Ageing  
for the purpose of strengthening the protection  
of the human rights of older persons



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## **Guiding Questions for the focus areas of the IX Session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing: Autonomy and independence**

- 1) In your country/region, how is the right to autonomy and independence of older persons defined in legal and policy frameworks?
- 2) What other rights are essential for the enjoyment of the right to autonomy and independence by older persons, or affected by the non-enjoyment of this right?
- 3) What are the key issues and challenges facing older persons in your country/region regarding autonomy and independence? What studies and data are available?
- 4) What steps have been taken to ensure older persons' enjoyment of their right to autonomy and independence?
- 5) What mechanisms are necessary, or already in place, for older persons to seek redress for the denial of autonomy and independence?
- 6) What are the responsibilities of other, non-State, actors in respecting and protecting the right to autonomy and independence of older persons?