Guiding Questions for the focus areas of the IX Session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing: Long-term care and palliative care

1) In your country/region, how is long-term care for older persons defined and provided for in legal and policy frameworks? What types of support and services are covered?

2) What are the specific challenges faced by older persons in accessing long-term care?

3) What measures have been taken/are necessary to ensure high-quality and sustainable long-term care systems for older persons, including for example:
   - Sufficient availability, accessibility and affordability of services on a non-discriminatory basis?
   - High quality of services provided?
   - Autonomy and free, prior and informed consent of older persons in relation to their long-term care and support?
   - Progressive elimination of all restrictive practices (such as detention, seclusion, chemical and physical restraint) in long-term care?
   - Sustainable financing of long-term care and support services?
   - Redress and remedy in case of abuse and violations?

4) What other rights are essential for the enjoyment of the right to long-term care by older persons, or affected by the non-enjoyment of this right?

5) In your country/region, how is palliative care defined in legal and policy frameworks?

6) What are the specific needs and challenges facing older persons regarding end-of-life care? Are there studies, data and evidence available?

7) To what extent is palliative care available to all older persons on a non-discriminatory basis?

8) How is palliative care provided, in relation to long-term care as described above and other support services for older persons?

9) Are there good practices available in terms of long-term care and palliative care? What are lessons learned from human rights perspectives?