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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, presents its compliments to the United Nations Focal Point on Ageing, and has the honor to refer to the letter of the Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing OEWGA, dated 15 December 2017 in which he requested members of the OEWGA to submit responses to “guiding questions” on the two cluster issues of the Ninth Session of the OEWGA, namely “Autonomy and Independence” and “Long Term and Palliative Care”.

In this regard, The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar has the further honor to enclose herewith a document containing the response of the State of Qatar to the guiding questions mentioned above, as received for the Ministry of Public Health, the concerned authority in the State of Qatar.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Focal Point on Ageing, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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The vision of the state of Qatar is to reach up the excellent quality standards in the service provided to the elderly people to meet their desires and simplify the procedures in order to make them dynamic and active in sustainable social and economic growth and show off their abilities by means of realistic partnership in order to fulfill National Vision 2030.

In Qatar constitution 2004, chapter 2 there is many laws to protect autonomy and independence of the elderly:

Law (21) specifically mentioned that "law protects elderly as part of each family as families constitute whole community".

Law (23) stated that "government provides medical care and preventive measures for all citizens and residents including elderly".

Social support law: provide financial support and care giver fees, exemption from fees in many governmental services and any contact with health care systems.

Family law (22) 2006 obligate sons to pay for living expenses of their parent in case they need support.

Housing law (23) year 1973 state that "government will provide free housing for elderly"

Low (8) year 2008 allowed Human resources extension of work years till 65 years old , and some cases can be beyond 65 if needed .

Law stated that any elderly aged 70 or more cannot be sent to prison or jail.

Elderly person cannot lose his decision making capacity or autonomy unless by court decision after thoroughly investigated.

The state of Qatar supports long term care for all elderly in different sittings, for patients who need support to continue living with their families, there is home care services and the mobile physician's services for elderly support at home.

These services include but not limited to community based rehabilitation team that can modify the environment of the elderly to preserves their autonomy and independence.

If the family cannot support the elderly due to various reasons, the residential will take care of elderly till his family provides an environment that is suitable to that elder person.

Services provided for all residents and citizens equal and almost free from charges, any person who needs assistance, the social services will take care in this case to insure that elderly get all necessary services at proper time.

Elderly persons receive services compliant to the highest quality standards.

Patients have the right to accept or refuse any provided services, either home or facility based.

There is continuous monitoring of any limitation or restrain for elderly and every effort is done to remove restrain and build up restrain free environment, there is clear policy regarding need to restrain if needed with continuous monitoring and evaluation.

The government support long term care at all levels including providing elderly with the necessary equipments needed to preserve his autonomy.

Palliative care is available to all patients including elderly without any discrimination, there is plan to extend to non-malignant disease near future.

Any case reported regarding violence or abuse shall be referred to the community police and social affairs for full investigation and taking proper action.