

Paraguay

General response to the guiding questions for the focus of the IX meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Aging:

- **Autonomy and independence**
- **Long-term care and palliative care**

In Paraguay, in general, the Human Rights of the elderly are protected in the framework of various general laws, as well as in special legislation, at all levels:

National Constitution

- Article 57.- Of the third age

“Every person in the third age is entitled to comprehensive protection. The family, society and public authorities will promote their welfare through social services that address their needs for food, health, housing, culture and leisure.”

- Article 46.- Of the equality of the persons

“All the inhabitants of the Republic are equal in dignity and rights. No discrimination is allowed. The State will remove the obstacles and prevent the factors that maintain or propitiate them.”

The protections that are established on unfair inequalities will not be considered as discriminatory but egalitarian factors.

Laws, decrees and resolutions

- Law 1885/2002 "On the elderly"

There was a significant change in the recognition of the rights and benefits of Older Adults, with the approval of Law 1,885 of Older Persons, on April 30, 2002, mentioning Article 5, that the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare is the state body that will be in charge of the application of said Law.

- Regulatory Decree 10068/2007 "That creates the Directorate for Older Adults of the Institute of Social Welfare and establishes its Rectory and Basic Structure".

It establishes a permanent administrative instance, which has an institutional service of legal advice, as well as technical departments oriented to recognize the needs of the elderly in Paraguay. As the main innovation, this Directorate acts as a liaison with civil society in the field of older adults.

- Law 4581/2011 "That approves the 2012 Budget for the Directorate of Older Adults", thus providing resources to the instance described in the previous paragraph.

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- Law 3728/2009 "Establishing alimony for people over 65 years of age living in poverty"

Likewise, the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare has established resolutions aimed at registration and care in order to promote the autonomy and independence of older adults:

- Resolution MSPBS SG N ° 322/2011 "That Regulates the Authorization, Registration, Accreditation and Inspection of Care Centers for Older Persons"
- Resolution MSPBS SG No. 612/2012 "Approving the National Plan for Policies for Older Adults and 14 Programs and Services as a part thereof"

The National Policy Plan for Older Adults is based on the following axes, goals and objectives oriented to human rights related to autonomy and independence. A copy of the National Plan is attached.