Guiding questions for the thirteenth session. Focus area 1: Right to health and access to health services

National legal and policy framework

- 1. What are the legal provisions and policy frameworks in your country that guarantee the right of older persons to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, including access to promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health facilities, goods and services?
- 2. What steps have been taken to ensure that every older person has access to affordable and good quality health care and services in older age without discrimination?
- 3. What data and research are available regarding older persons' right to health and access to health care and services? Please indicate how national or sub-national data is disaggregated by sex, age and inequality dimensions, and what indicators are used to monitor the full realization of the right to health of older persons.
- 4. What steps have been taken to provide appropriate training for legislators, policymakers, health and care personnel on the right to health of older persons?

Progressive realization and the use of maximum available resources

5. What steps have been taken to align macroeconomic policies and measures with international human rights law, to use maximum available resources for the realization of older persons' right to health, such as through expanding fiscal space, adopting targeted measures and international cooperation?

Equality and non-discrimination

- 6. What are the challenges faced by older persons in their enjoyment of the right to health, including the impact of intersectional discrimination and inequality based on age, gender, disability and other grounds?
- 7. What measures have been taken to eliminate ageism and discrimination based on age, including discriminatory laws, policies, practices, social norms and stereotypes that perpetuate health inequalities among older persons and prevent older persons from enjoying their right to health?
- 8. What measures have been taken to ensure that older persons are able to exercise their legal capacity on an equal basis with others, including making an informed consent, decisions and choices about their treatment and care?

Accountability

- 9. What judicial and non-judicial mechanisms are in place for older persons to complain and seek redress for the denial of their right to health?
- 10. What mechanisms are in place to ensure the effective and meaningful participation of older persons living in different geographic areas of the country in the planning, design, implementation and evaluation of health laws, policies, programmes and services that affect them?