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**International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) statement**

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**Towards strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons**

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We endorse the OHCHR report 49/70 echoing its conclusions that existing mechanisms are fragmented and inadequate to address the human rights of older persons.

The lack of a common, global understanding of definitions and minimum standards of practice hinders the protection of the rights of older persons everywhere. The gaps have been well defined and largely analysed

An international legal instrument would provide the needed standardization.

The Human Rights Council has a key role in leading the way in both substance and procedures to define the standards and draft elements of an instrument

We request the Council to include more organically the human rights of older persons in its programme of work and to hold periodic meetings in the form of a forum or a working group with the participation of the Independent Expert and all stakeholders, including with the meaningful and effective participation of older persons to work towards drafting

We request the Council and Member States to support the work of the IE and to provide the necessary resources for her mandate and for OHCHR to adequately address the HROP.

We support the statement read by Argentina and Slovenia, with the endorsement of more than 20 countries that we must all find a way to address the gaps and inconsistencies through an international legal instrument, an international convention on the human rights of older persons.

Question to Ms Amal Abou Raffeh: With the understanding that the Human Rights Council (HRC) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) are the custodians of the human rights mechanisms, How can we better coordinate between NY and Geneva. What follow up is done to the Secretary-General’s appeal in his policy brief of 2020 to accelerate the efforts towards a legally binding instrument on the human rights of older persons?