**The right for life-long learning & Digital Literacy**

Life-long right for learning is a human right and should be applied for all ages. Eradication of digital illiteracy became a topic of main importance in the 21st century. While the necessity of digital education in childhood, young adulthood and professional life is taken for granted, the right of older persons for digital education is not recognized yet.

The importance of digital education showed up during the past years of epidemics: persons who had no cyber-access, did “not exist”. They were not only socially isolated, but had no access to health-, finance- and other community services. Older women - were in particular affected.

We challenge the international and national bodies to recognize the right of older persons, in particular older women, for digital education and undertake the necessary steps for its implementation. Commercial producers should be incentivized to produce devices adapted for the needs of older persons.

Older person could, for example, receive cyber education from students, children and young adults and for exchange help them with their studies, homework or other business.

Digital education, cyber access and lifelong education will help older persons to master the challenges of a changing world, to stay longer on their jobs and have a healthy, active and happy aging. It might reduce the burden of dementia and the health and nursing expenses.

Therefore, it is of essential importance to include access to lifelong learning and digital education in a future convention for the rights of older people.

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