



Third Committee of the General Assembly

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Enhancing Support Systems for Elderly While Addressing the Impact of Aging Societies

The Third Committee of the General Assembly,

Recalling the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations regarding international cooperation in solving social and humanitarian issues,

Reaffirming the commitment of Member States to the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 1 on ending poverty, Goal 3 on ensuring healthy lives and well-being, and Goal 10 on reducing inequalities,

Deeply concerned by the increasing social, economic, and healthcare pressures caused by ageing populations worldwide, especially in economically vulnerable states,

Recognizing that developing countries facing economic instability and demographic change require additional international assistance to protect elderly populations,

Taking into consideration the growing difficulties faced by older persons in accessing healthcare, pensions, and social protection systems,

Welcoming the efforts of Member States and United Nations agencies to promote active and healthy ageing through inclusive policies and social participation,

Bearing in mind the national strategy of Lebanon concerning Older Persons 2020–2030 and similar initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life of elderly citizens,

Emphasizing the importance of international solidarity and cooperation in addressing the challenges of ageing societies.

1. **Calls upon** Member States, the United Nations system, and international financial institutions including the World Bank to increase financial assistance for countries with weak social protection and healthcare systems facing demographic ageing;
2. **Requests** countries to help provide healthcare services for elderly people for developing countries and countries in war and conflict zones:
 - (a) Allowing goods to be let in from the border,
 - (b) encouraging NGO's or neighbouring willing countries, to help provide aid to when a country is unable to;

3. **Recommends** the establishment of voluntary international funding mechanisms to support healthcare access, affordable medication, and long-term care services for elderly populations in economically vulnerable states;
4. **Encourages** Member States to urgently prioritize funding for elderly care infrastructure and the expansion of the care workforce by:
 - (a) Introducing voluntary cross-border certification recognition and healthcare workforce exchange programs while taking measures to prevent the loss of essential healthcare personnel from developing countries:
 - (i) through the financing of language training programs integrated into the workplace;
 - (ii) by not compelling workers trained abroad to wait months or years for their full license recognition, let them join the workforce right away with a conditional license;
 - (b) Creating dedicated national long-term care insurance schemes to shield families
 - (i) from catastrophic out-of-pocket costs;
 - (c) By setting a legal limit on how much families have to pay out-of-pocket for extra care, ensuring they don't face financial ruin or lose their life savings;
5. **Encourages** the World Health Organization and relevant UN agencies to expand technical assistance programs aimed at strengthening healthcare systems and geriatric care capacities;
6. **Further recommends** international cooperation on pension system reform through technical consultations, policy exchanges, and financial sustainability programs designed to protect older persons from poverty, international pension fund which includes payments by all members (based on their financial resources) and provides support for national pension systems;
7. **Encourages** partnerships between governments, civil society organisations, and private sector actors to improve the social inclusion and well-being of elderly populations;
8. **Requests** the Secretary-General to report on global progress regarding support systems for ageing populations and recommendations for improving international cooperation in this field at the next session of the General Assembly;
9. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter;
10. **Calls upon** Member States to voluntarily expand traditional pension systems by social ones that:
 - (a) Take care of elderly who spent their lives working in informal or unpaid labour,
 - (b) Cover, at least basic costs like food and healthcare,
 - (c) Serve as temporary assistance to ensure these persons have a means of livelihood, until the goal of transforming all workers from the informal to the formal sector is accomplished.

Vote result	Rejected
	<i>In favour:</i> Unknown
	<i>Against:</i> Unknown
	<i>Abstentions:</i> Unknown
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