



Third Committee of the General Assembly

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

The Third Committee of the General Assembly,

Deeply concerned that according to the international labour organisation over 68% of the world's elderly have no social protection coverage, rising above 90% in many least developed countries,

Alarmed that the world health organisation found that at least one in six older people experience abuse or exploitation annually, with the real figures significantly higher where no reporting mechanisms exist,

Guided by article 55 and 56 of the charters of the United Nations, which bind all member states to taking joint and separate actions towards social progress and higher standards of living for all people without distinction,

Mindful that women make up both the majority of elderly people living in poverty as well as most unpaid caregivers, and that aging frameworks which treat this as an incidental rather than structural problem, do not address the existing inequalities,

1. **Encourages** member states to review or develop national plans of action on ageing that treat community based and informal care systems as legitimate planning components rather than temporary gaps awaiting formal replacement, and integrate these plans into existing national development frameworks rather than maintaining them as documents with no implementation mechanism;
2. **Urges** member states to establish local community vulnerability registries as a standard component of natural disaster risk reduction plans, consistent with priority 1 of the Sendai framework, by:
 - (a) Voluntarily enrolling elderly residence with mobility, limitations, or chronic illness,
 - (b) Assigning trained community volunteers as designated contact responsible for direct welfare checks, evacuation coordination, and post disaster follow-up for each registered individual,
 - (c) Formally linking registry data under proper privacy protections to national emergency management system, according to each nation's standards, so that elderly people appear by name as a priority group in operational plans rather than as demographic footnote discovered after the fact,
3. **Proposes** that member states formally incorporate elderly community members possessing decades of localised observational knowledge in specific fields, international early warning and disaster preparedness systems as community based observers;
 - (a) providing them with formal recognition and modest compensation for contributions that simultaneously serve a social inclusion function and improve early warning data in areas where sensor infrastructure is absent or unreliable;

4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its eighty first session on emerging best practices in community based elderly support systems, every two years with proportionate attention to models originating in low and middle income countries, so that South to South knowledge exchange on aging is given the same standing in global normative processes as conventional technical assistance from the Global North;
5. **Encourages** Member States with significant diaspora populations to work with the International Organization for Migration and national diaspora associations to develop voluntary collective remittance frameworks through which diaspora members may contribute to community-based elder care funds in their countries of origin, recognizing that diaspora networks represent a resource of cultural intimacy and financial scale that no formal development instrument can replicate;
6. **Calls upon** member states to voluntarily establish social pension schemes for elderly who spent their working lives in informal or unpaid labour including caregiving, farming and community work, and those who reach old age with no savings and no access to systems because the work they did was never formally recognised:
 - (a) Calibrating benefit levels according to national economic capacity while seeking ensure access to basic food and healthcare needs,
 - (b) Financing the scheme through existing social protection, budgets or redirected development assistance rather than new mechanisms,
 - (c) Include the world Bank and international labour organisation and relevant regional development banks in providing technical assistance and financing to least developed countries seeking to establish or expand such schemes,
 - (d) Encourages voluntary information sharing and international collaboration to strength bonds and cooperation ;
7. **Endorsing** member states to implement social and mental health programs specifically targeting elderly at risk of isolation and depression including:
 - (a) Organising regular accessible inter generational gatherings in existing public spaces where elderly people can socialise and participate in activities while sharing meals with peers,
 - (b) Training community health workers to conduct routine mental health check-in for elderly experiencing depression, grief or anxiety and offer available counselling services,
 - (c) Partnering with local civil society organisations, religious institutions, and women’s groups to cohost and sustain these programs in communities where capacity is limited,
 - (d) Give elderly the opportunity to share their experience in professional spaces to younger generations, condemning social isolation and passing on professional experience and other life lessons ;
8. **Invites** states to develop digital literacy programs for the elderly to address Internet isolation by equipping elderly people with abilities to navigate online spaces independently in their daily lives, by;
 - (a) Engaging youth volunteers and university students to serve as a one-on-one digital coach for elderly participants, with training covering smart phone navigation, Internet use, and provide elderly people with interaction, information and companionship between community visits,
 - (b) Provide learning opportunities at universities and access to elderly internships and programs,
 - (c) Guaranteed remaining offline public services,
 - (d) Improving digital access for elderly people by:
 - (i) Expanding internet coverage in remote areas through government initiatives,
 - (ii) Organising monthly technology trips to rural areas that may not have enough volunteers for one-on-one coaching,
 - (iii) Providing donated or low-cost digital devices to elderly people who may not have the funds or access to them;

9. **Seeks** the prioritisation of age friendly physical infrastructure and mobility aid accessibility as a core component of national development and urban planning budgets, by;
 - (a) encourages the installation of wheelchair ramps, handrails and inclined pathways in place of or alongside stairs in all public buildings, streets, markets, health facilities, transportation hubs with priority given to areas with high concentrations of elderly residence,
 - (b) Establishing voluntary government run distribution programs for wheelchairs, crutches and other mobility aids provided free of charge or a subsidised cost to elderly people who cannot afford them, enabling independent movement and the ability to carry out daily tasks without dependence on others,
 - (c) Including critical aid and infrastructure (physical and digital) in necessary conflict zones in order to assure adequate medical treatment to those in need;
10. **Encourages** sharing awareness on age-discrimination in ways that respect national sovereignty, such as but not limited to;
 - (a) Online sharing programs on accessible media platforms,
 - (b) Newspaper articles and billboards if possible and allowed in the country,
 - (c) Workplaces and learning environments such as schools and universities, to assure awareness is passed on to all generations to further avoid isolation and misinformation,
11. **Encourages** Member States to address the root causes of youth migration and displacement in order to preserve family and community support system for elderly populations by:
 - (a) Promoting employment opportunities, vocational training programs and entrepreneurship initiatives for young people particularly in rural and underserved regions,
 - (b) Supporting sustainable economic development through investments in local infrastructure, agriculture, healthcare and education to reduce economic pressures that contribute to migration,
 - (c) Cooperating with relevant international organizations to address displacement and support the reintegration of affected populations into their communities whenever possible;
12. **Recommends** the creation of a voluntary international fund to assist developing countries in financing:
 - (a) Mobile healthcare infrastructure,
 - (b) Elderly healthcare services in rural or vulnerable regions;
13. **Urges** Member States to be entirely transparent regarding their funding for support systems for the elderly and the measures that have been implemented and to share the collected data with the United Nations Development Programme.

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