

Call for non-governmental organization input Non-governmental organizations that wish to provide such inputs may kindly submit a brief summary by 15 May 2013 in electronic format to:

Focal point on ageing
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Division for Social Policy and Development
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(a) purpose

The main purpose of having an international legal instrument to promote and protect the rights and dignity of older persons is to make sure the "age equality" is placed in all governments' agendas.

(b) general principles

The general principles must be guided by the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 in all its content.

(c) definitions – particularly of old age/older persons

The definitions for older persons will vary by countries and cultures, but the idea of promoting a society of all age should be supported universally.

(d) equality and non-discrimination as applied to older persons

Ageism is still practiced worldwide, in developed and developing countries. Education is key, and in an early age as possible. Older women are specially vulnerable in this category as observed by the Beijing Platform For Action.

(e) specific human rights to be included

Rights to have a place in the center of budgeting and policymaking decisions to guarantee the delivery of needed services and social and economic equality access.

(f) national and international supervisory mechanisms.

A separate entity such as UNWomen could be created to oversee the enforcement of a legally binding global instrument to work towards a Convention on Human Rights for Older Persons. Ideally, a possible "UNAgeing".

Respectfully submitted,

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