

## **HelpAge International Intervention for Panel 3**

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**6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing  
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### **Interactive dialogue with Independent Expert**

The establishment of a new special procedure dedicated to the rights of older people was a major step by the Human Rights Council. It showed that UN Member States recognised that discrimination and denial of rights in older age are human rights issues of considerable concern.

Since then, older people from our network have welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Independent Expert and contribute to her work during her country visits to Slovenia and Mauritius. We look forward to the Independent Expert's second report to the Human Rights Council in September, as well as to her comprehensive report in 2016.

A three-year term is a short one given the number of issues pertaining to the rights of older people that would benefit from the scrutiny of the mandate. We therefore urge Member States to not only renew the mandate for a second term without hesitation, but also to renew it with sufficient resources to ensure that it can be effectively implemented by the mandate holder.

Thank you.