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9th session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG) - 23rd-26th July 2018

Verene Nyirabalinda from NSINDAGIZA, Rwanda, delivers her statement

Highlights
- The morning session began without interpretation services, which may have affected the participation of Member States. A number of NGOs were disappointed at how empty the room was.
- Many NGOs particularly welcomed the intervention of Florence Simbiri-Jaoko, the Special Envoy of the Global Alliance of NHRIs (GANHRI). With personal and powerful examples, Florence set out a compelling case for a new UN convention to ensure full legal protection for older people’s right to independence and autonomy.
- A number of NGOs participated in the interactive debates following the panels bringing their own experiences of the challenges facing older people in realising their right to independence and autonomy. This included some shocking stories of older people being denied their rights and dignity. A number of NGOs made substantive recommendations for a new convention and called on the Member States in the UN to take action.

Watch live on Wednesday at: http://webtv.un.org (from 10:00 EST)
UN website: https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/ninthsession.shtml

Comments from our members:
‘We currently have no legally-binding instrument to hold our national government to account. This is why we are supporting a UN convention on the rights of older persons. We want the Liberian government to support a new convention that will focus on independence and autonomy.’

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