

# Daily Bulletin – Day Two

14<sup>th</sup> session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG), 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2024



*Left: H.E. Ambassador Lagorio, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the UN and Chair of the OEWG as the decision was adopted.*

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

### 1. Normative Inputs: Social Inclusion and the Right to Health and Access to Health Services

*A panel of experts with interactive discussion moderated by OHCHR*

### 2. Consideration of the proposed inter-governmental negotiated recommendations from the co-facilitators

### From social media (X):

*@agenigeriafound*

*“The biggest news, moment we’ve been waiting for, OEWG adopted recommendations that include an international legally binding instrument on the rights of older people as an option to address the gaps in the international human rights framework. Congrats to everyone @GAROP\_Sec”*

*[Below: Campaigners Elke Schilling of Silbernetz, Germany, and Hira Mehta of Silver Inning Foundation, India, make statements about the right to social inclusion and health]*



## Highlights

- The second day began with a session on normative inputs on the topics of Social inclusion and The right to health and access to health services. There were six expert presentations, which included strong evidence-based and passionate arguments for a new UN convention, including from our member organisation, AGE Platform Europe, and the Austrian government. Several NGOs and NHRIs made powerful interventions in the debate while overall participation by States was limited.
- In the afternoon the Chair presented the revised draft decision on the intergovernmentally negotiated recommendations shared yesterday and made several oral amendments. The language about gaps and an international legally binding instrument that civil society wanted to be included was not amended and remained in the document. Despite reservations expressed by a few States, **the decision was adopted by consensus!** A consensus is much stronger than if it needed to go to a vote and this outcome keeps the door open to move towards a UN convention. Unfortunately though, NGOs were not given the opportunity to respond during this discussion.
- Tomorrow, we expect more States to speak about the decision and on Friday there will be a discussion on next steps and the implications of this decision. We will continue to push for concrete progress and not endless discussion.
- There were also three side events today organised by [Grey Panthers](#), [UNITAR and GIA](#), and [ILC-Canada](#).

## Get involved:

- UN website: <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group>
- Get involved on Twitter using #AgeWithRights and #OEWG14

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