

# Daily Bulletin – Day Four

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



## OEWG Programme Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

1. Consideration of the proposed intergovernmental negotiated recommendations
2. Discussion on the way forward
3. Adoption of the report and closing

### From social media (X)

@InaVoelcker

'It's been great to spend the week with you in our joint call for a UN convention for the rights of older persons. Thanks @KraftStiftung for support, @GAROP\_Sec for realising and of course @agenigeriafound @silverinnings and @Silbernetz for commitment!'

[Below: Vijay Naraidoo of DIS-MOI delivers the GAROP Steering Group statement on the final day:



Above: Representatives of civil society and NHRIs after the session closed.

## Highlights

- The Chair of the OEWG decided on Thursday to change the start time of the final day from 10am to 12pm. A number of States expressed support for submitting the recommendations to the General Assembly as soon as possible and during its ongoing 78<sup>th</sup> session. Many confirmed their commitment to further work in future relevant processes. Some said that they now see the OEWG mandate as fulfilled with the adoption of the decision.
- There was space for a number of NGO and NHRI statements, including a statement from the GAROP Steering Group, delivered by Vijay Naraidoo of DIS-MOI, which reiterated our call for the General Assembly to ask the Human Rights Council to set up an intergovernmental working group to draft a convention. It also highlighted civil society's contributions to this process over the last 14 years and our readiness to continue to build on this important work.
- The closing session started late due to a long wait for a quorum. Egypt raised a procedural question about the Chair's plan to submit the adopted decision to the President of the General Assembly, but eventually agreement was reached and the meeting report was adopted and the session closed. **Our focus is now on the General Assembly and our advocacy more important than ever!**

## Get involved:

- Help us to spread the word – [use this messaging](#) as a basis for letters and press releases about this development.
- UN website: <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group>
- Get involved on X using #AgeWithRights and #OEWG14

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