

Weekly Bulletin – Week Two

57th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council
Week Two: 16th-20th September 2024



Above: Ambassador Alcantara of the Dominican Republic makes a supportive statement on behalf of a number of Member States at the General Debate.

Highlights from the session

- A key moment in Week Two was the presentation of the [summary report of the expert meeting on violence abuse and neglect of older persons](#) in the General Debate on 19th September. A UN official presented the report on behalf of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. He emphasised ageism as an underlying driver of rights violations and highlighted that all of the expert speakers had supported the creation of an international legal binding instrument.
- During the debate, the Ambassador from the Dominican Republic spoke on behalf of a number of States from the Group of Friends of Older Persons Geneva. The statement highlighted decision 14/1 by the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing and its recommendation to develop a legally binding instrument dedicated to the rights of older persons. It referred to General Assembly resolution (78/324) as a key turning point and called for the HRC to take urgent action. The statement was co-sponsored by Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Montenegro, Malta, Philippines, Portugal and Slovenia.
- There were strong NGO statements from INPEA, CHRD Mongolia/Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, and Amnesty International all detailing why a new UN convention is necessary and reinforcing the call on the HRC to take action.

Other processes:

NGOs are able to participate in informal negotiations on draft resolutions at the HRC both in person and online. Some members are following negotiation processes on other topics:

1. Informal negotiations continued in Week Two on a **draft resolution on countering cyberbullying**. This year the focus of the draft resolution is on persons with disabilities. The draft resolution calls for the next cyberbullying resolution in two years to focus on **older persons**.
2. The first informal on a new resolution on the **elimination of domestic violence** took place in Week Two. Thanks to interventions from the NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva, the latest draft now includes some language on older persons.

Get involved:

- Watch the session live on <https://webtv.un.org/en>
- Official website: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/regular-sessions/session57/regular-session>
- Get involved on X/Twitter using #AgeWithRights and #HRC57
- More info: <https://rightsofolderpeople.org/preparing-for-hrc57/>

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