

Weekly Bulletin – Week Four

57th session of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC)
Week Four: 30th September – 4th October 2024



Above: Ambassadors Foradori and Pipan, who both made supportive statements at the NGO Committee on Ageing IDOP 2024 event – from NGOCOIA livestream.

Highlights from the week

- For October 1st, the UN International Day of Older Persons, the NGO Committee on Ageing (NGOCOIA) organized a public event in Geneva during the 57th HRC Session titled “**Geneva Calls: A Pivotal Moment for Older Persons’ Rights**”. The event was very well-attended with over 30 Member States represented.
- Ambassador Foradori of Argentina said the HRC has the expertise to act and turn the fourteen years of work by the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing into tangible tools to bridge the human rights protection gaps.
- Ambassador Pipan reiterated Slovenia’s support for a new international legal instrument and commitment to ensuring that the older people’s rights receive the attention they deserve at the HRC.
- The Ambassadors of Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Moldova were present and echoed the support for moving forward.
- Volker Turk, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Claudia Mahler, UN Independent Expert, gave positive statements by video. High-level representatives of the WHO, ILO, and UNFPA provided strong evidence that policy and law, which must be enforced by a convention, is an effective intervention to combat ageism in society.
- Silvia Perel-Levin, NGOCOIA Geneva vice-chair and INPEA representative emphasised the importance of the meaningful participation of older persons and their representative organisations.

On social media:

Support for a UN convention and the call on the HRC to take action was reinforced on social media by GAROP and other organizations for the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) 2024.

In the GAROP Steering Group statement, Margaret Young, Chair, said:

‘We call on the UN Human Rights Council to respond to these recent international developments and urgently take the next concrete steps towards drafting a new international instrument on the human rights of older persons.’

Below: Alejandro Bonilla Garcia, Chair of the NGO COA Geneva, moderates the 1st October event:



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>
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- More info: <https://rightsofolderpeople.org/preparing-for-hrc57/>

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