

# Weekly Bulletin – Week Four

58<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Human Rights Council  
Week Four: 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



*Above: Ina Voelcker (BAGSO, Germany and Co-chair of GAROP) presents the GAROP joint statement at the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council.*

## Highlights from the session

- Three informal negotiations took place between Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March on the draft resolution text. The majority of States supported the original text, which calls for the creation of an intergovernmental working group to draft an international legally binding instrument on the rights of older persons. Some States made helpful suggestions to further strengthen the text. A small number of opposing States made proposals to broaden and weaken the text. GAROP members presented a number of coordinated reactions and proposals. It was also great to see many GAROP members active at national level keenly observing the negotiations online.
- A revised **draft** of the resolution was tabled on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March: see [here](#). We are happy that it retained the stronger language. **Please note: the resolution is not yet adopted - States may still submit amendments or call for a vote.**
- GAROP's call on the HRC to start drafting a legally binding instrument was heard loud and clear through several strong in person and video statements in the General Debate on item 3 led by the GAROP joint statement presented by BAGSO. Some members also participated in rights of persons with disabilities discussions.

## On the programme:

This week included discussion and debate on human rights situations that require the Council's attention as well as presentation of reports of Social Forum, Forum on Minority Issues and annual reports of Special Procedures. See the full Programme of Work on the official website (link on HRC website below).

## Side event: Human Rights Dimension of Care and Support

Some members actively contributed to a side event on the human rights dimension on care and support on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## Watch the recording of our Side Event!

Thank you to all who attended and co-sponsored the side event on March 13<sup>th</sup>. For any who missed it, the recording can be found [here](#).



## Get involved:

- Watch the session live on <https://webtv.un.org/en>
- Official website: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/regular-sessions/session58/regular-session>
- Get involved on X/Twitter using #AgeWithRights and #HRC58
- More info: <https://rightsofolderpeople.org/preparing-for-hrc58/>

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