

Weekly Bulletin – Week Five

58th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council
Week Four: 24th – 28th March 2025



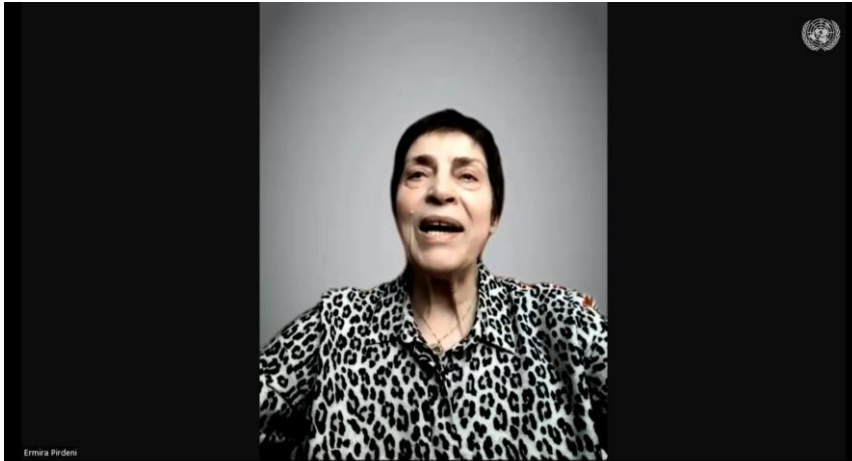
On the programme:

Monday and Tuesday were dedicated to discussing the adoption of Universal Periodic Review outcomes. This week also included discussion and debate on Item 8, the follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, which is a common plan for the strengthening of human rights work around the world.

(link on HRC website below).

Watch the recording of our Side Event!

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



Above: Ermira Pirdeni of INPEA and the Albanian Society for all Ages speaking by video statement in the UPR general debate

Highlights from the session

- This week in the General Debate about the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Ermira Pirdeni called for UPR recommendations to include the rights of older persons and for Member States to adopt the resolution to establish an intergovernmental working group to draft a convention by consensus. Ermira also made a statement in the discussion of the Albanian UPR report.
- GAROP members, BAGSO, ILC Canada and INPEA also intervened by video statement during the general debate under item 8 this week, reiterating our joint call on the Human Rights Council to start drafting a new UN convention on the rights of older persons. Our visibility through statements about older persons throughout the session has been noticed by States.
- It was great to see that 34 Member States have already co-sponsored the draft resolution - [see it here](#). (29 States are listed and Kuwait co-sponsored on behalf of 6 States in the Gulf Cooperation Council). We are expecting many additional States to co-sponsor before the deadline of 18th April. **Please note: this resolution is not yet adopted. Adoptions and votes will take place from 2-4th April. We are hoping that this resolution will be adopted without a vote!**

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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