

Weekly Bulletin – Week Six

58th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council
Week Six: 31st March – 4th April 2025



Above: Representatives of GAROP and the NGO Committee on Ageing in Geneva with Sebastian Kobaru of the Argentinian Permanent Mission after the adoption of Resolution 58/13.

On the programme:

This week, the session was focused on discussion and debate under Item 10, Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building. The final decisions and conclusions also happened during this week, which is when the adoption of Resolution 58/13 took place. (See programme using the link on HRC website below).

Watch the recording of the resolution being adopted!

The statements made by Member States and the moment of adoption can be found using this link on [UN WebTV](#) from 01:51:00.



Above: President of the Human Rights Council Ambassador Jürg Lauber announces the adoption of Resolution 58/13 by consensus.

Highlights from the session

- In a historic moment at the UN the draft resolution was adopted by consensus on Thursday 3rd April! The resolution (A/HRC/RES/58/13) establishes an inter-governmental working group to draft a legally binding instrument (or UN convention) on the rights of older persons. **Congratulations to all our members for your contributions to this landmark decision!**
- Argentina introduced the resolution and 19 Members of the HRC spoke strongly in support (Maldives, Mexico, Bangladesh, Chile, Ghana, Cyprus, Spain, the Gambia, Kuwait, Brazil, Kenya, Colombia, North Macedonia, Ethiopia, Albania, Thailand, the Dominican Republic, Kyrgyzstan on behalf of the Organization of Turkic States, and Cuba). China and Japan voiced reservations but neither called for an oral amendment or vote.
- The adopted resolution text with more background and details about the new working group is available [here](#) in six languages.
- GAROP's statement on this historic decision can be found on our [website](#). We will hold a debrief meeting soon to reflect on these developments and consider the next steps.

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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