

NGO Political Declaration – Key Messages

as presented at the Ministerial Conference

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The NGO Forum strongly supports the recommendation of the UN Independent Expert on the rights of older persons to establish a binding legal instrument on the human rights of older persons.

We call on Member States

1. to ensure that older persons and their organisations are included in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2030, Sustainable Development Goals;

2. to develop policies to effectively ban any form of age discrimination, ageism, pejorative behaviour, violence and abuse towards older women and men;

3. to remove barriers and strengthen the voice of older persons and their organisations in research and in the monitoring and implementation of all relevant policies;

4. to promote all older women and men's right to dignity, well-being, adequate income, freedom, security and social inclusion;

5. to actively engage with older persons and civil society to ensure that the commitments made at the present Ministerial Conference are fully realized.