

NGO COMMITTEE ON AGEING (NY)

ELDER ABUSE SUB-COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

I. Goal

The goal of the Elder Abuse Sub-Committee is to educate, advocate and promote the human rights, dignity, safety and social inclusion of older adults who may experience or be at risk of elder mistreatment and abuse. Basis for its work include: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) (15 June); Beijing Platform of action (BPA), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

II. Chair's duties

The Chair of the Sub-Committee is responsible for:

1. Convening meetings of its members, confirming responsibilities and supervising its work;
2. Preparing a plan of action each year, including an estimate of any expenses expected for implementation and any other recommendations for approval by the Executive Committee;
3. Preparing progress and annual reports for submission to the Executive Committee.

III. Responsibilities and activities

The Sub-Committee's responsibilities and activities include:

1. Monitoring ageing issues at the United Nations to keep abreast of latest developments;
2. Undertaking research as necessary to have available up-to-date data and information, particularly with respect to positions of Member States on elder abuse at national, regional as well as international levels;
3. Formulating/co-sponsoring statements to be delivered at United Nations events and hearings;
4. Commenting on documents/reports to ensure that issues of elder abuse and exploitation are addressed;
5. Co-sponsoring and supporting the annual International World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) as organized by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse in partnership with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
6. Organizing/co-sponsoring programs, side and parallel events at UN and NGO conferences and meetings;
7. Providing relevant information for inclusion on the NGO CoA website.

IV. Membership

The Sub-Committee members shall include a Chair, other members of NGOs who are members of the NGO Committee on Ageing, as well as interns.

As approved on 9 June 2020