

# NGO COMMITTEE ON AGEING (NY)

## SUBCOMMITTEE TO PROMOTE A CONVENTION FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS

### Terms of reference

#### I. Goal

The goal of the Sub-Committee to Promote a Convention for the Human Rights of Older Persons is the adoption by the United Nations of a Convention to Protect and Promote the Rights of Older Persons.

#### 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 of the NGO CoA;
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, particularly with reference to efforts made at the national, regional and international level to develop a convention to protect the rights of older persons;
2. Undertaking research as necessary to have available up-to-date data and information, particularly with respect to positions of Member States on rights of older persons;
3. Studying and understanding earlier convention strategies;
4. Communicating and collaborating with helpful partners in order to prepare strategies, including drafting of position papers;
5. Drafting and delivering statements at relevant meetings;
6. Attending meetings at the United Nations and elsewhere on the subject matter and on any other issue that may have an impact on decision-making with respect to a convention;
7. Organizing visits to Permanent Missions, in collaboration with the Subcommittee for Liaison with United Nations Permanent Missions, as and when necessary;
8. Preparing and distributing standard information package to partners and to Permanent Missions;
9. Keeping records of visits undertaken, including reports on visits, with name of delegates met;
10. Engaging NGOs that have consultative status with ECOSOC, as well as with other civil society organizations and individuals, and organizations of the United Nations system in the discussions on an international legally binding instrument, through the United Nations General Assembly's Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA);
11. Developing strategies and activities to support efforts to draft a convention;
12. Collaborating with the United Nations Group of Friends of Older Persons;
13. Collaborating with the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older Persons (GAROP), including for the organization of a pre-OEWGA workshop each year;
14. Providing relevant information for inclusion on the NGO CoA website.

#### IV. Membership

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

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