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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 6 October 2025

60/11. The human rights of older persons

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Guided also by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other relevant human rights instruments,

Reaffirming the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

Bearing in mind the Political Declaration¹ and Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,² and all relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/164 of 17 December 2015 on measures to enhance the promotion and protection of the human rights and dignity of older persons, and resolution 75/131 of 14 December 2020 on the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030), and Human Rights Council resolutions 21/23 of 28 September 2012, 24/20 of 27 September 2013, 33/5 of 29 September 2016, 42/12 of 26 September 2019, 48/3 of 7 October 2021 and 51/4 of 6 October 2022 on the human rights of older persons,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, stressing the need to ensure that no one is left behind, and in this regard recognizing the essential contribution that older persons make to societies,

Recalling further its resolutions 5/1, on institution-building of the Human Rights Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedure Mandate Holders of the Human Rights Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that the mandate holder shall discharge his or her duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

¹ *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8–12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.



Recognizing the importance of the mandate of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons in raising awareness of the rights of older persons, and taking note with appreciation of the reports of the Independent Expert³ and of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing,⁴ which, in view of the adoption by the Working Group of its decision 14/1, completed its work in 2024, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 78/324 of 13 August 2024,

Acknowledging the efforts of States to determine the best way to strengthen the protection of the human rights of older persons,

Welcoming the adoption of Human Rights Council resolution 58/13 of 3 April 2025, by which the Council established an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate of elaborating and submitting to the Council a draft international legally binding instrument on the human rights of older persons with the objective of promoting, protecting and ensuring the full enjoyment of human rights by older persons,

1. *Welcomes* the work of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons;
2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons for a period of three years according to the terms set out by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 33/5;
3. *Requests* all Governments to cooperate with the Independent Expert, and invites them to provide the mandate holder with all necessary information relating to the mandate;
4. *Requests* the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly in accordance with their respective programmes of work;
5. *Also requests* the Independent Expert to work in close coordination, while avoiding unnecessary duplication, with the open-ended intergovernmental working group, established by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 58/13, including by participating in its annual sessions;
6. *Encourages* all relevant stakeholders, including United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, human rights mechanisms, national human rights institutions and civil society, and invites the private sector, donors and development agencies, to cooperate fully with the Independent Expert to enable the mandate holder to fulfil the mandate;
7. *Encourages* organizers of international and regional forums addressing the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons to invite the Independent Expert to attend and participate in such events;
8. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure that the reports of the Independent Expert are brought to the attention of the open-ended intergovernmental working group and of the General Assembly;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide the Independent Expert with all the human, technical and financial resources necessary for the effective fulfilment of the mandate;
10. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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[Adopted without a vote.]

³ A/HRC/60/24 and A/80/203.

⁴ A/AC.278/2024/2.