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Addendum

Note by the Secretariat

Agreed amendments to the text of the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002*

1. Replace new paragraph as 35 (h) to read:
35. (new h) Ensure in rural and remote areas equal access to basic social services for older persons. (*Agreed*)
2. Delete the following alternative text, which appears after paragraph 48 (e):
(Encourage donor and recipient countries, based on mutual agreement and commitment to fully implement the 20/20 initiative in line with the Oslo and Hanoi consensus documents, to ensure universal access to basic social services.)
3. Replace the text following paragraph 53 (d) to read:
Invite the international organizations, in particular the international financial institutions, according to their mandates, to assist developing countries and all countries in need, in their efforts to achieve basic social protection, particularly for older persons. (*Agreed*) (*location subject to placement — possibly para. 109*)
4. Add, at the end of paragraph 55 (a), the following new alternative texts to read:
(European Union (EU): Encourage the bodies, agencies and relevant programmes of the United Nations system and States to promote and to make use of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, particularly those provisions relating to non-discrimination.) (*Pending*)
(Egypt, Algeria, Syria, Sudan, India, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan alternative text: [Encourage] (Canada: Call upon) national authorities, which have the primary responsibility to provide protection and assistance to internally displaced persons within their jurisdiction, to give special consideration to the [special] (Canada: particular) needs of

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older persons [within] (among) internally displaced persons, (Canada: and to facilitate the efforts of relevant United Nations agencies and humanitarian organizations in these respects, and) not[ing] (Canada: note with appreciation) the work of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in developing a compilation and analysis of legal norms and the development of guiding principles on internal displacement.)

Canada: Call upon Governments to provide protection and assistance, including reintegration and development assistance, to internally displaced persons, taking into account the special needs of older persons, and to facilitate the efforts of relevant United Nations agencies and humanitarian organizations in these respects, including by further improving access to internally displaced persons and recognizing the protection of internally displaced persons, noting the relevance of the work of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in developing a compilation and analysis of legal norms and the development of guiding principles on internal displacement.) (*Pending*)

5. Replace the text of 57. bis with text to read:

Older persons are fully entitled to have access to preventive and curative care, including rehabilitation care and sexual health care. Full access for older persons to health care and services, which include disease prevention, involves recognition that health promotion and disease prevention activities throughout life need to focus on maintaining independence, prevention and delay of disease and disability treatment, as well as on improving the quality of life of older persons who already have disabilities. The health care and services need to include the necessary training of personnel and facilities to meet the special needs of the older population. (*Agreed*)

6. Replace the text of paragraph 62 with text to read:

(62.) Health promotion activities and equal access of older persons to health care and services that include disease prevention throughout life is the cornerstone of healthy ageing. A life course perspective involves recognizing that health promotion and disease prevention activities need to focus on maintaining independence, prevention and delay of disease and disability and providing treatment, as well as on improving the functioning and quality of life of older persons who already have disabilities. (*Agreed*) (*G77: move para. 62 to proposed Assessment section*)

7. Add the following new paragraph after paragraph 68 bis to read:

(68) ter. Intellectual property protection is important for the development of new medicines. We also recognize the concerns about its effects on prices. We agree that the TRIPS agreement does not and should not prevent members from taking measures to protect public health. Accordingly, while reiterating our commitment to the TRIPS agreement, we affirm that the agreement can and should be interpreted and implemented in a manner supportive of the right of Governments to protect public health and, in particular, to promote access to medicines for all. (*Facilitator agreed*)

8. Replace 70 (a) with text to read:
 - (a) Take measures to ensure equal distribution of health and rehabilitation resources to older persons and, in particular, increase access for these resources for older persons who are poor and promote their distribution to poorly served areas, such as rural and remote areas, including affordable access to essential medications and other therapeutic measures. *(Agreed)*
9. Insert proposed alternative 70 (d) to read:

(Facilitator: Implement international (Canada: applicable) obligations to protect the access of older persons to primary health care and to eliminate discrimination in health care based on age and other forms of discrimination.) (Pending)
10. Replace 91 (d) with text to read:
 91. (d) Assist older persons to make their homes free of barriers to mobility and access. *(Agreed)*
11. Replace the paragraphs following 96 (g) with text to read:
 - 96 (h) Develop social support systems, both formal and informal, with a view to enhancing the ability of families to take care of older persons within the family, including, in particular, the provision of long-term support and services for the growing number of frail older persons. *(Agreed)*
12. Replace the paragraphs of 97 (a) with text to read:
 97. (a) Encourage the provision of social support, including respite services, advice and information for both older caregivers and the families under their care. *(Agreed)*
13. Replace the paragraphs of 99 with text to read:
 99. Older women face greater risk of physical and psychological abuse due to discriminatory societal attitudes and the non-realization of the human rights of women. Some harmful traditional and customary practices result in abuse and violence directed at older women, often exacerbated by poverty and lack of access to legal protection. *(Agreed)*
14. Add 99 bis to read as follows:
 99. bis Women's poverty is directly related to the absence of economic opportunities and autonomy, lack of access to economic resources, including credit, land ownership and inheritance, lack of access to education and support services and their minimal participation in decision-making processes. Poverty can also force women into situations in which they are vulnerable to sexual exploitation. *(Agreed)*
15. Add 105 bis to read:
 - (105) bis. The role of non-governmental organizations is important in supporting Governments in their implementation, assessment and follow up to the International Plan of Action on Ageing. *(Agreed)*

16. Add 107 bis and alternative texts to read:

(107 bis) [United States of America (US): Globalization and continuing rapid technological advances offer unprecedented opportunities for social and economic development. At the same time, they continue to present serious challenges, including widespread financial crisis, insecurity, poverty, exclusion and inequality within and among societies. Considerable obstacles to further integration and full participation in the global economy remain for developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, as well as for some countries with economies in transition. Unless the benefits of social and economic development are extended to all countries, a growing number of people in all countries and even entire regions will remain marginalized from the global economy. We must act now in order to overcome those obstacles affecting peoples and countries and to realize the full potential of opportunities presented for the benefit of all.] (Political Declaration, para. 4, Copenhagen plus 5) (Pending)

US/Japan/Mexico propose alternative text:

(Globalization offers opportunities and challenges. The developing countries and countries with economies in transition face special difficulties in responding to those challenges and opportunities. Globalization should be fully inclusive and equitable, and there is a strong need for policies and measures at the national and international levels, formulated and implemented with the full and effective participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to help them respond effectively to those challenges and opportunities.) (Monterrey consensus, para. 7) (Pending)

17. Replace paragraph 110 with the following text:

110. The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination should include system-wide implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 in its agenda. The focal points that were set up within the United Nations system in preparation for the World Assembly on Ageing should be maintained and strengthened. The institutional capacity of the United Nations system to undertake its responsibilities for implementation of the Plan should be improved. *(Agreed)*

18. Replace paragraph 113 with the following text:

113. There is a need to encourage and advance comprehensive, diversified and specialized research on ageing in all countries, particularly in developing countries. Research, including age and gender-sensitive data collection and analysis, provides essential evidence for effective policies. A principal task of the research component of the Plan is to facilitate as appropriate, the implementation of the recommendations and actions defined in the International Plan of Action. The availability of reliable information is indispensable in identifying emerging issues and adopting recommendations. Elaborating and using, as appropriate, comprehensive and practical tools for evaluation such as key indicators, is also necessary to facilitate a timely policy response. *(Agreed)*

19. Replace paragraph 114 with the following text:

114. International research on ageing is also needed to support policy responses to ageing and to the operational success of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002. This would assist in promoting international coordination of research on ageing. (*Agreed*)
