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including the right to development**

## **Written submission by the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea\***

### **Note by the Secretariat**

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## **Annex**

### **Written statement by the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea**

#### **Working Group on Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons Statement. On OHCHR Summary of the multi-stakeholder meeting on the human rights of older persons paper (A/HRC/52/49) for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Human Rights Council**

Excellencies,

On behalf of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and the GANHRI Working Group on Ageing and the Human rights of Older Persons, I thank you for this opportunity for further debate on strengthening the protection of human rights of older persons. In this era of changing demographics, where people are living longer and thus unforeseen problems arose, the global community should prioritize human rights of older persons in their agenda to deal with these matters. The best way, GANHRI WG on Ageing and the Human Rights of Older Persons suggest, is to foster the works towards a new UN Convention on the human rights of older persons.

Therefore, we welcome and fully support the OHCHR's 'Summary of the multi-stakeholder meeting on the human rights of older persons'(A/HRC/52/49). We are glad this outstanding report was made possible by the first substantive resolution (48/3) of at the 48<sup>th</sup> Human rights Council in September 2021 and hope this reprise with the second substantive resolution at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Human Rights Council.

As mentioned at the recommendation of the report, we would like to stress the need for mainstreaming of the rights of older persons at all levels of the work at the UN. More importantly, allocation of resources and hiring of full-time staffs on this issue should be strongly considered to move the agenda forward.

National human rights institutions could also contribute to the protection and promotion of the rights of older persons by engaging in monitoring activities. NHRIs should be prepared and supported for these tasks by States and the UN.

Finally, we believe that the success of the OHCHR report lies on the fact that it was discussed and argued by NHRIs, Civil Society Organizations, and other stakeholders. For a fruitful result, we hope NHRIs and other stakeholders continue to be part of the work towards establishing a human rights-based approach to ageing.

Thank you.

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