

Message on behalf of the Chair

Please be advised that, in keeping with the programme of work for the fourteenth session, the Working Group will begin its consideration of item 7 entitled “Other matters” this afternoon and continue its consideration on Wednesday and Thursday, as needed. The Working Group will first hear general statements before proceeding to action on the document.

Before the Working Group will be the recommendations issued as document A/AC.278/2024/L.1. Based on consultations with delegations and with a view to ensuring the adoption of the document without a vote, the Chair will orally revise document A/AC.278/2024/L.1 as follows.

Oral revision of A/AC.278/2024/L.1

25. Also recommends that Member States, in addressing possible gaps in the protection of the human rights of older persons, consider, in a non-exclusive manner, the following options **deriving from the responses to the questionnaire**:

(a) An international legally binding instrument to promote, protect and ensure the recognition and the realization, on an equal basis, of all human rights of older persons;

(b) Optional protocols to existing human rights treaties on the protection and enjoyment of the human rights of older persons;

(b bis) Enhancement of the implementation of the existing human rights treaties with due regard for special needs and interests of older persons;

(c) To address the human rights of older persons in relevant multilateral forums, with full respect for their mandates, including in the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary bodies, with a view to providing specific and appropriate safeguards at the international level for the rights of older persons;

[...]

26. ~~Further recommends the consideration of the current document by~~ **Decides to present these recommendations for the consideration of** the General Assembly with a view to promoting further concrete discussions on next steps on the protection and promotion of the human rights of older persons.