

STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON AGEING
STATEMENT TO THE MARCH 25th 2015 SESSION
INTERACTIVE STATEMENT ON THE INDICATORS FRAMEWORK

Excellencies. My name is Margaret Gillis and I am the President of the International Longevity Centre Canada, which is part of a Global Alliance that advocates for the needs and rights of older people. I am speaking on behalf of the Stakeholder Group on Ageing which represents the interests of more than 800 million older people globally.

Our intervention today will focus on how the indicators to measure the success of the post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals can be made better. While we are appreciative of the significant efforts of Member States, we want to draw your attention to the **glaring omissions** in the indicators under discussion.

We know that globally data on older men and women is missing, often not collected, fully analyzed, reported or utilized. Older people are rendered invisible, absent in policies and development interventions and vulnerable to continued marginalization.

In practical terms this omission means is that by 2030 nearly 16% of the global population, specifically people over the age of 60, three quarters of whom are in developing countries, will remain excluded from the important outcomes of the SDG's. This lack of data on older people particularly penalizes women, as the majority of older people are women.

The indicators for the SDG's must reflect the realities women and men are experiencing. For example Target 5.2 – the indicator on sexual violence - limits data collection to ages 15 to 49. It perpetuates a long discredited notion that sexual violence is perpetrated only on women of childbearing age and effectively ignores the most abhorrent forms of child and elder abuse.

Target 3.4 on non-communicable diseases does not collect data after age 70 despite that being the age-group most affected by these diseases and the indicator for Target 4.4 on lifelong learning puts an arbitrary age limits on education.

These omissions do not reflect the principle of “leave no one behind”. We recommend that the indicator framework require the collection, disaggregation and reporting of all data **by all ages** up to and over 100.

Thank you