

# Daily Bulletin – Day 3

9<sup>th</sup> session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG) - 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July 2018



The afternoon panel on long term and palliative care

## Highlights

- Israel (Issi) Doron, Israel Institute Visiting Professor from the University of Chicago made a strong presentation on the topic of long term and palliative care. He explained how ageism and the negative construction of old age is the dominant ideology in delivering long-term care in many countries. While we can see some advancements, there are still significant gaps in the values and discourse of human rights in this field throughout the world. Issi concluded that it is obvious that a new UN convention would help to drive change in this field.
- Another notable moment in the interactive debate in the afternoon was when the Canadian Government delegate responded directly to Canadian civil society to say that they are listening, and that they are open to discussing the possibility of a new UN convention ,prompting an enthusiastic response from the NGOs.
- Rio Hada of the OHCHR acknowledged the contributions of civil society including the statements made in the session and the various planning briefings and workshops. Maria Cisternas Reyes, the UN Special Envoy for Disability and Accessibility, noted the growing support from governments for a convention and said that thanks to the work of the last nine years, we can be optimistic about the next sessions and make productive steps forward.

**Watch live on Thursday at:** <http://webtv.un.org> (from 10:00 EST)  
**UN website:** <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/ninthsession.shtml>

## OEWG Programme Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

### I. Focus area: Long Term and Palliative Care

A panel with three expert speakers in the morning and a second panel with three more expert speakers in the afternoon will debate this topic. Each panel is followed by an interactive debate.



From Twitter

@AGE\_PlatformEU:

'Available policies, case law and experiences lead us to understand that we need to enshrine the right to access palliative care in a legal instrument, says Ms Cisternas Reyes @Disability\_SE #OEWG9'

**NGOs preparing for the session at their Morning Briefing:**



## Comments from our members:

*'The coverage of palliative care services in India in terms of availability, accessibility and affordability of palliative care is grossly inadequate. A binding UN convention would help to ensure universal access for older persons to quality palliative care services without discrimination.'*

Prof. (Dr.) Jacob John Kattakayam, Director of the Centre for Gerontological Studies, India

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