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Mr. President,

The Global Alliance of National Human Right Institutions (GANHRI) commends the efforts of the UN Independent Expert in highlighting the pressing issue of violence, abuse and neglect of older persons in her report to this Council.

We welcome the Expert's recommendations and note with concern the report's findings on the pervasive and alarming instances of violence and neglect aimed at older persons, and particularly the insufficient or absent national and international safeguards in place to protect them.

Mr. President,

NHRIs are key actors in promoting and protecting the rights of older persons.

Among other functions, NHRIs advise, monitor and report on older persons rights, conduct monitoring visits to residential care facilities, and particularly through GANHRI Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons, NHRIs actively advocate on international fora for comprehensive and effective measures to ensure the full realization of human rights for older persons.

GANHRI is committed to continuing supporting States and NHRIs in this effort and acknowledges the collaborative and complementary work undertaken at UN Open-ended Working Group on Ageing in New York and the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

We encourage the Human Rights Council and all UN Member States to continue providing a platform for a substantive dialogue for all stakeholders on the human rights of older persons.

I thank you, Mr. President.