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Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

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Oral statement by: National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria

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The NHRC Nigeria commends the comprehensive visit report on Nigeria by the Independent Expert on all rights of older persons.

The Commission has been working in collaboration with the newly established National senior citizens center to promote and protect the rights of older persons in Nigeria.

The commission notes the recommendations of the IE especially for the provision of assistance to families and informal caregivers to support older persons. Since family care and support for older persons in most countries seem to be presently the most reliable social protection floor for care of older persons, would you consider encouraging that mandatory care for older persons by members of their families and supported by government be made part of international instrument for the protection of rights of older persons?

I thank you.