



Statement by
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Clustered Interactive Dialogue
Independent Expert on the rights of older persons
and Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation

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Mr President,

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement of the EU. We commend Ms Kornfeld Matte and Mr Heller on their reports and welcome this opportunity for exchange.

Ms Kornfeld Matte,

Your report on the impact of the social exclusion of older persons is both valuable and timely. The analysis of the dimensions of old-age exclusion, its root causes and risk factors clearly points to the need for focused action on specific challenges faced by older persons. We note with concern your estimate that the social exclusion of older persons is not suitably addressed in strategic documents guiding our action now and in the decades to come.

You note in your report that development approaches often fail to reflect the needs of older persons. Many countries and UN agencies now already apply a human rights based approach to development, which is normatively based on international human rights standards. Would that, in your view, make a substantive difference in addressing the needs of older persons?

Mr Heller,

Your report on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation of forcibly displaced persons points out that all forcibly displaced persons are equally entitled to the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation irrespective of their current location and that the quality of water and sanitation services for them are expected to improve gradually.

We would like to ask the Special Rapporteur if he met any good practices of the progressive realization of human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation of forcibly displaced persons in a long-term perspective, after the emergency phase was over.

Thank you.