**GAROP Consultation on the Rights of Older Persons**:

**Individual Response Form**

**Introduction**

The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP) is a network of over 100 civil society organisations from around the world who have come together to strengthen and promote the rights of older persons. It has a Steering Group of four member organisations (International Federation on Ageing, International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing, AGE-Platform Europe and HelpAge International) who are co-ordinating this consultation.

The organisation that sent you this form is a member of GAROP.

GAROP is consulting its members to hear from older people and their representative organisations about how older people are being discriminated against, what impact this has on their lives and why they think this is happening.

There is currently a discussion going on among governments and civil society about how to better protect and promote the human rights of older people, including through a new international convention on older persons’ rights – i.e. an international legally binding treaty that would outline how governments and others should treat older people so that they can lead dignified lives, free from fear and want. It is very important that the opinions and views of older people are included in this debate.

The responses from this consultation will be used by the GAROP Steering Group to develop a position on what the main elements of a new convention on the rights of older persons should be, which GAROP members can then use in their advocacy around a new convention at the national and international level.

**Instructions**

Please complete this form and return it to the organisation that sent it to you. They will collate all the responses they receive and send them back to the GAROP Steering Group.

This consultation asks you questions about the discrimination and prejudice that older people experience. You can answer about your own experience or about that of other known older people. Your name and identity will not be taken or given to the GAROP Steering Group. The only personal information you are asked to give is whether you are male or female and your age. Collecting this information tells us the gender balance of all respondents across the consultation and how many older people have responded. You do not need to give this information if you do not want to. You also do not need to answer all the questions if you do not want to.

**Thank you from GAROP**

We would like to thank you for your input and we very much appreciate the time you have put into this. This is the first time a consultation has been produced with GAROP members. As an initial consultation, we see this as a first step on which we can build and learn and we look forward to consulting with GAROP members again as the process towards a new convention moves forward.

Thank you for your input and support.

**Participant information:**

Organisation:

Country:

Male or female:

Age (tick one box):

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| Under 40  | 40-49: | 50 – 59 | 60 – 69  | 70 – 79  | Over 80  |

**Questions:**

Please record the responses from the discussion under each question.

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| 1. Do you think that you are treated differently or discriminated against because of your older age? |
| 2. How does this affect you in your everyday life? |
| 3. Why do you think older people are treated differently or discriminated against?  |
| 4. Do you think that older people are denied any of their human rights? Which ones?  |