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## CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS

### Human Rights for All Ages: Promoting a Life Course Perspective and Intergenerational Cooperation to Combat Ageism 18 November 2021

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- **The rights-based approach and the life-course perspective must be integrated into ageing policies at national and EU level.** The implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and of any action to be proposed in the follow-up to the Green Paper on Ageing should be underpinned by these two approaches. The lack of a comprehensive approach to ageing based on human rights is a key challenge which should be addressed also by the upcoming Trio Presidencies of the Council of the EU and the European Commission.
- Recognizing that ageism is a widely prevalent and socially accepted prejudice and the driving force behind human rights violations against older as well as younger persons, **there is a need to take effective measures against ageism** and to support various activities and campaigns to raise awareness of the negative consequences of ageism.
- Taking into account the evidence on age related discrimination and its consequences, **there is a need to improve our laws, policies and international human rights mechanisms.** EU Member States are invited to take these conclusions as the basis for further policy debate within and beyond the European Union on how to combat ageism and age discrimination.

To address the above challenges:

- We should step up the efforts at EU level and in the frame of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG) **towards a legally binding international instrument on the human rights of older persons** to strengthen the protection of the human rights of older persons and to enable the OEWG to fulfil its existing mandate.
- The European Commission, Member States and civil society should work together and use all the relevant instruments **to promote intergenerational cooperation and solidarity**, including through opportunities for training, education, and interaction between young and older people as crucial strategies to reduce ageism.
- We encourage the upcoming Trio Presidencies of the Council of the EU to pursue the work on ageing policies based on human rights, life-course perspective, cross-sectorial approach, and the recognition of older people's contribution to society.

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