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QUESTION OF: **ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF AGEING POPULATIONS ON SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS**

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned, about the mental health issues prevalent among elderly people due to factors like social isolation, loss of loved ones, declining health and burdens placed on families who often bear responsibility of care giving,

Recognizing, that the dependency ratio in many countries is increasing, with fewer workers supporting more retirees whereby a ratio of 35 effective consumers aged 65 or above per 100 effective producers is expected by 2050,

Aware of the percentage of the population aged 65 and over is expected to rise from 11% in 2019 to 15% by 2040, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics,

Recognizing the increasing number of elderly populations worldwide and the subsequent pressure on social security systems,

Recognizing that the decline in the global fertility rate, which is projected to fall to 2.1 births per woman by 2050, exacerbates ageing populations,

Conscious of the incapacity of current pension systems, such as, Pay-As-You-Go systems to provide long-term and sustainable support due to the declining worker-to-beneficiary ratio,

1. Requests the establishment of an international fund to assist member nations, particularly developing ones, in modernizing and strengthen their social security to better manage aging populations;

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2. Suggests the comprehensive reform of the social security system by increasing pension benefits, diversifying funding sources and strengthening social safety nets;
3. Urges Member States to collaborate with non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the commercial sector to provide new solutions and initiatives for aged care such as engaging in voluntary based and faith based services initiating food and clothing programs;
4. Considers the integration of mental health services in healthcare and provide community-based support programs to reduce isolation;
5. Invites Member States to implement technology-driven solutions to help senior populations, such as, telemedicine and digital health platforms, which have been found to cut healthcare costs and enhance treatment;
6. Supports the development of social protection floors, as established by the International Labour Organization (ILO), to ensure that all older people have access to critical health care and financial stability;
7. Suggests the integration of age-friendly urban planning in member states, ensuring accessible public spaces and transportation for elderly individuals, as demonstrated by the "Age-Friendly City" initiative;
8. Requests the implementation of different types of taxation systems such as the progressive price indexing of retirement benefits to protect low-income earners and relieve social security systems;

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9. Appeals to the International Social Security Association(ISSA) to provide expert advice, and platforms for its member organization to share best practices and innovations in social security managements;
10. Recommends gradual increase of the retirement age that can help reduce the number of beneficiaries and prolong the period during which individuals contribute to the system;
11. Emphasizes the need of Member States to encourage higher fertility through the provision of tax credits, child and family allowances, baby bonuses and child-care subsidies;
12. Urges the adoption of intergenerational solidarity measures to ensure that the financial burden of supporting an ageing population does not disproportionately fall on younger generations;
13. Appeals to engage in international cooperation and exchange programs such as National Transfer Accounts (NTA) to learn from global experiences;
14. Welcomes international support through global initiatives like the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing to address ageing population Challenges collectively.