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**QUESTION OF: ENSURING THE SOCIAL INCLUSION OF THE ELDERLY**

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 for achieving and promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development and inclusive institutions at all levels together with Goal 10 which is to empower and promote social inclusion of all, irrespective of age,

Deeply disturbed by the major issues such as lack of social participation, social protection and social inclusion that the elderly face,

Expressing deep concern that there are inadequate healthcare resources available to the elderly, especially in remote and rural areas,

Noting with regret that according to data reported one in six people and 15.7% of people aged 60 years and older were subjected to some form of abuse according to World Health Organisation and the United Nations respectively,

Deeply convinced that urbanization which led to the emergence of the nuclear family system is the main cause of emotional and social loneliness in aged people,

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1. Recommends the implementation of programs that encourage intergenerational activities, promoting mutual understanding between older and younger generations so as to combat social isolation and loneliness issues for the elderly, particularly those living alone in remote areas;
2. Requests governments to understand the dynamics and needs of the elders to provide them with adequate healthcare services to cope with their declining health conditions, additionally train caregivers and offer free or subsidized healthcare services;
3. Calls for the use of technology to improve the quality of life of the elderly, including the development of accessible digital tools and online platforms for social interaction, health monitoring and access to services;
4. Urges governments to combat age-based discrimination by implementing policies and practices that further prohibits it in employment, housing, healthcare and other public areas;
5. Encourages governments to raise awareness about the challenges faced by older citizens and the importance of social inclusion through public campaigns, educational initiatives, community outreach programs;
6. Calls for enhanced data collection, research and monitoring mechanism to better understand the specific needs and experiences of elderly individuals, with a view to implementing evidence-based policies and intervention that promotes their social inclusion and well-being;
7. Encourages governments to address financial insecurity among the elderly by enhancing social protection programs, such as pensions and social security benefits;

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8. Appeals for the reviewing of standardization by age and aiming at creating an age-friendly society in which people of all age can make use of their motivation and abilities to be included in the society such as through the workforce providing flexible working arrangements to accommodate the needs of the older workers;
9. Requests the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other relevant United Nations agencies to provide technical assistance and expertise to the countries in developing and implementing policies and programs aimed at promoting the social inclusion of the elderly population;
10. Urges the Secretary General and Member States to act upon the implementation of the resolution at the next General Assembly.