

## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES AUSTRALIA**

### **INTERVENTION #3**

I'd like to follow up Dr Doron's comments. It seems a major issue that member states are grappling with is the impact of rights to work, retirement income, and the big three: social security, health, and housing. These rights are essential to older people; they are not negotiable – they are the bare necessities of life. These rights are particularly important given the prevalence and context of elder abuse and exploitation as well as mobility and transport issues faced by older people. On the other hand, member states fear the economic impact of such rights.

How can countries reconcile this reticence with existing rights to work, social security, health and housing under UDHR (articles 22, 25) under ICESCR (articles 9, 10, 11, 12), under CROC (article 26), under CEDAW (article 11), under ICCPR (article 26), under CRPD (articles 25, 28), in fact the list goes on.

Once again NACLC asks if member states already have the obligation to realize these rights for their citizens generally, why do you hesitate at reiterating and clarifying them in a consolidated form for this vulnerable group.

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