

Unofficial Translation

**Government of Chile  
National Service of Older Person  
SENAMA**

**Third Follow-up meeting of the Brasilia Declaration  
On the Rights of Older Persons  
EXECUTIVE REPORT**

The Third Follow-up meeting of the Brasilia Declaration on the Rights of the Older Persons took place in Santiago City, Republic of Chile, on 05 and 06 October 2009 at ECLAC Headquarters.

**1. Attendees**

250 people from America and the Caribbean, North America and Europe gathered together with representatives of governments, organizations of older persons, civil society, international organizations and specialized agencies. The meeting was organized by the Government of Chile, through the National Service of Older Person (SENAMA), and supported technically by CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Also, collaboration was given by the Iberoamerican Intergovernmental Network for Technical Cooperation (RIICOTEC), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Ibero-American Social Security Organization (OISS).

Countries which attended the Third Follow-up Meeting were the following: Anguilla, the Dutch Antilles, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, the United States, Spain, Guatemala, British Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts Nevis, and Uruguay.

**2. Results**

Country representatives revised the commitments adopted during the Second Follow-up Meeting of Buenos Aires and expressed their satisfaction due to the fulfillment of all of them. Upon finalizing two work sessions, the following was concluded:

1. The Government of Mexico, represented here by the Director of the National Institute of Older Persons, reaffirms its commitment to be the host of the Fourth Follow-up Meeting of Brasilia Declaration to take place during the first half of 2010, which is expected to be attended by at least 35 countries that will be represented by their technical counterparts and representatives of their Ministries of Foreign Affairs.
2. At the same time, Caribbean countries will organize a follow-up meeting of the Brasilia declaration during the second half of 2010, whose host will be defined by the Caribbean Community. In the same year, Central American and Hispanic Caribbean countries will organize a similar meeting, while during the first trimester of 2011; Peru will host the following Follow-up Meeting.

3. To establish an agreed participatory strategy that will consider, at least:
  - a) To have contributions and opinions of the civil society
  - b) To foster research in order to give more technical and legal support to the contents of a Convention.
  - c) To carry out actions in order to convince and add countries which have not been sensitized to this issue.
  - d) To coordinate actions with the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs in order to obtain state stance on the Convention and the Rapporteur.
4. Using the document given by the Chilean Government during the Third Follow-up Meeting as the basis, countries will internally continue discussing its contents, sending their observations, comments and contributions to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) in order to reach to a consensus on a document to be presented during the Fourth Follow-up Meeting of the Brasilia Declaration.
5. It is recommended that the PAHO creates an online portal in a website specialized in Aging and Human Rights containing a section especially dedicated to formulating an International Convention on Human Rights of Older Persons, where all member states of PAHO, ECLAC, UNFPA, Civil Society and other relevant actors, could make contributions and comments to the documents formulated, as well as to include presentations, articles and other relevant information that will contribute to promoting and protecting human rights of older adults.
6. To invite ECLAC Secretariat to make a proposal with strategies on how to continue making progress on the follow-up of articles 24 and 25 of the Brasilia Declaration and on the basic contents that should be included - from a Latin American and Caribbean perspective – in an international convention on rights of older adults. This proposal is suggested to be presented during the next meeting of the Special Committee on Population and Division of ECLAC to take place in 2010. Likewise, if necessary and in consultation with the Chair of the Special Committee, it is suggested that the Secretariat convenes a meeting of the extended Committee Board with the countries that wish to participate aimed to discuss such proposal before it is presented to the Special Committee.
7. To request the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and/or the responsible organizations of each government to make efforts with each country mission to the Organization of American States (OAS), Washington DC, in order to have a special session of experts and government representatives in order to discuss the feasibility to prepare an Inter-American Convention on Rights of Older Persons with the support of the PAHO and ECLAC, just as it was established by the General Assembly of the OAS by means of its resolution AG/RES 2455 of the 39<sup>th</sup> period of sessions that took place in San Pedro, Sula (Honduras, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009).
8. Also, they extend their appreciation to the United Nations Population Fund for their technical and financial assistance, as well as to CELADE/ECLAC and PAHO; and would like to request these institutions to continue working on the elaboration of a Convention on Rights of Older Persons.