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STATEMENT OF TURKEY

Report of the United Kingdom on Ageing-related Statistics and Age-disaggregated Data

Turkey appreciates the valuable and crucial report on ageing related statistics and age-disaggregated data.

Data and statistics on old persons will allow countries to monitor the situation of old population more accurately during the implementation of national action plans and programs. Information on age structure of population is very important input for action plans, especially getting data for older ages, “65 aged and over”.

In the proposed terms of reference of the Titchfield Group, studies related to the Active Ageing Index and studies related to the Global AgeWatch Index would be added to the objectives of the Group. Indexes are important for making international comparisons. Therefore, getting national indexes on ageing would be added to the terms of reference.

Since surveys are very important tools for getting a picture of old population and their demographic and socio-economic characteristics, a standardized survey would be recommended for countries to identify and analyse the old persons by the Titchfield Group in order to make international comparisons.

In addition, the works of the UNECE and CES Bureau Task Force on Measuring Old-age Population in Institutions would be taken into account for getting statistics on population of older persons living in institutions. The objectives of the Task Force are to develop standard definitions and classifications of 'institution' and 'institutional populations', and to provide a guideline for countries in producing unbiased and comparable statistics on ageing-related topics.

Turkey supports the establishment of the Titchfield Group on ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data and its proposed terms of reference.