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Recommendation 2291 (2025)[1]

Overcoming age-based discrimination against older persons

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1. Referring to its Resolution 2592 (2025) "Overcoming age-based discrimination against older persons", the Parliamentary Assembly congratulates the Committee of Ministers on adopting Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)2 to member States on the promotion of human rights of older persons.

2. Welcoming the update of the course on anti-discrimination of the Council of Europe Programme on Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP), the Assembly invites the Committee of Ministers to consider adding a module on age-based discrimination.

3. In order to protect and promote the human rights of older persons and to eliminate the discrimination they face, including in the field of healthcare, as well as to combat the stereotypes, prejudices and bias against older persons that lie at the root of such discrimination, the Assembly calls on the Committee of Ministers to:

3.1. keep under review, as so decided in 2019, the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)2, in particular with the aim of identifying and remedying existing gaps in this field, considering in this context the desirability and feasibility of a specific legal instrument at the European level which would provide a framework for the protection of the human rights of older persons;

3.2. consider preparing a recommendation on preventing and combating ageism, following a similar approach to that of Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)1 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on preventing and combating sexism;

3.3. be represented and participate actively in the ongoing discussions in the United Nations Human Rights Council on developing an international legally binding instrument on the rights of older persons.

1. *Assembly debate* on 31 January 2025 (9th sitting) (see Doc. 16091, report of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, rapporteur: Ms Andrea Eder-Gitschthaler). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 31 January 2025 (9th sitting).