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Health and Rights of Older Persons in Captivity

Side Event

U.N. 14th Open-ended Working Group on Ageing



On October 7th, 2023, an unprecedented number of older persons, predominantly women, were abducted from their homes in Southern Israel and taken hostage to Gaza by armed Hamas terrorists.

This first-ever incident of terrorists kidnapping elderly individuals, most over 70 years old, from their homes and beds highlights the unique vulnerabilities and experiences of older persons in hostage situations. It underscores the critical need for the international community to take urgent, coordinated action to prevent such atrocities and ensure the protection of older persons' rights.

This crime violates the fundamental human rights and dignity of the elderly, subjecting them to physical and psychological trauma, denial of essential healthcare access, and social isolation from families and communities. Taking elderly hostages warrants in-depth research, investigation, and learning to urgently inform the UN's Ageing agenda.

We invite the global community working towards a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons to learn, support and engage in this critical dialogue.

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Agenda



13:15 The Unique

Vulnerabilities of

Older Persons in

Captivity



Co - Chairs: Adv. Orit Rishpi - Lavi WePower Dr. Inon Schenker **Impact**



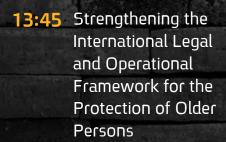
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Prof. Ella Cohn-Shwartz Ben Gurion University of the Negev



13:30 TBC





Prof. Irvin Cotler Former Minister of Justice of Canada, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights



14:00 "I am 78 years old and was kidnaped by Hamas. I was held hostage for 49 days and nights"



Margalit Moses Kibbutz Nir Oz, Southern Israel



14:20 Closing remarks and a way forward



Dr. Cynthia Stuen International Federation on Ageing



