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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: To advocate for extending EU legislation on age discrimination beyond the field of employment.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: May 31, 2029

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: To advocate for the adoption of an EU Age Equality Strategy in the course of the next mandate of the European Commission to guide EU action towards the adoption of age-inclusive policies and concrete measures to fight ageism and promote the rights, value, and contributions of persons of all ages to society. This strategy would make age equality a clear priority for the EU.

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PLEDGE NUMBER 3: The current human rights system is not adequately equipped to provide accountability for age discrimination and ageist patterns entrenched in laws, policies, and institutional structures. For instance, older persons are not fully protected from violence and neglect, especially in care situations where dependencies exist. Digitalization of all areas of public and private life threatens the right of older persons to participate in social life on an equal footing. AGE Platform Europe pledges for the adoption of a UN convention for the rights of older persons. A convention would provide a clear interpretation of the universal rights, spelling out concrete changes that are necessary to address specific rights violations experienced in old age, and create an international system of accountability by enshrining legal obligations to detect and address human rights violations against older persons.

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