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Stephen Doughty MP
Minister of State (Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)
By email

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Dear Stephen,

I am writing to you following correspondence from constituents who are calling for the UK Government to publicly champion the creation of a new UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons.

As you will know, the global population is ageing rapidly. By 2050, [more than two billion people will be over the age of 60](#), and older people in every country continue to face discrimination, violence, and inadequate protection under existing international human rights frameworks. A dedicated UN Convention would provide a clear, legally binding mechanism to combat ageism, improve access to essential services, and safeguard older people's dignity, financial security, and social participation.

I welcome your response to [UIN 22497](#) reaffirming the UK's commitment to equality for all, including older people, and acknowledging the potential role of a multilateral instrument to strengthen their rights. However, my constituents are eager to see the UK take a stronger leadership role in these discussions. Will you consider making a public statement of support for the establishment of a UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons?

I would appreciate your thoughts on how the UK plans to engage in upcoming UN discussions on this issue.

I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

Ellie Chowns MP, North Herefordshire.