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Realizing the potential  
of living longer

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UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2017  
Lisbon from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of September

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Excellency,

We are honoured to invite you to take part in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Ministerial Conference on Ageing to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2017. The Conference is organized by the UNECE in cooperation with the Government of Portugal, under the coordination of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security. The title of the Conference is “***A Sustainable Society for All Ages: Realizing the potential of living longer***”.

The Conference is held within the context of the third review and appraisal cycle of implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA, 2002) and its Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS). By bringing together ministers and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as prominent experts, it will provide a high-level forum to discuss challenges and review achievements in addressing population ageing since the last Ministerial Conference on Ageing in Vienna (Austria) in 2012. It is expected that the 2017 Conference will adopt a Ministerial Declaration that identifies priorities for action for the next five years and reaffirms the commitment of the member States to the fulfilment of the MIPAA/RIS.

A note on the preparations for the Conference is attached for your information. In particular your attention is drawn to the registration deadline, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2017, and the size of the national official delegations. The provisional agenda of the Conference and various background materials will be published on the Conference website in due course. A Civil Society forum and a Research forum will precede the Conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2017.

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At this stage, we would like to point out that your country has an opportunity to contribute to the negotiations of the Ministerial Declaration and the decisions about the content and documentation of the Conference through your delegate to the UNECE Working Group on Ageing, which acts as the intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Conference. Please note that no further preparatory meeting is envisaged, but the organizers of the Conference and the Bureau of the Working Group will continue close consultations with the delegates of member States. Also, the UNECE Secretariat will conduct official electronic consultations on the Ministerial Declaration with the member States in May-July 2017.

We look forward to meeting you in Lisbon in September 2017.

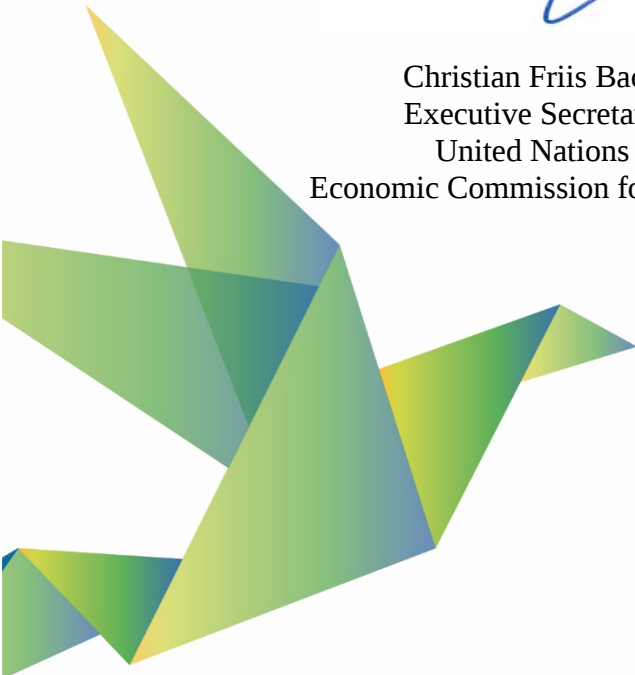
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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