Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the Portuguese Ombudsman, Mr. Alfredo José de Sousa, and in reply to the attached request, I would like to inform that our institution would suggest working, as a thematic priority, on the issue of the rights of elderly persons.

This suggestion takes into account the increasing relevance, in our societies, of the issues related to the situation of older persons, as well as the absence of an international convention specifically concerned with the protection and promotion of their rights.

The relevant actions and initiatives could be targeted not only at the general public but also, more specifically, at the public and private entities directly working with older persons, such as social action services, police, local authorities, homes for the elderly, among others.

With kind regards,

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