



ASEM Round Table for Operation of the ASEM Global Ageing Center
(19 September 2017, Seoul, Republic of Korea)

Chair's Statement

1. The ASEM Round Table for Operation of the ASEM Global Ageing Center was held in Seoul, Korea on 19 September 2017 by the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea. The Round Table was attended by high level representatives of ASEM member countries, international organizations, national human rights institutions, international civil society organizations and academic institutions. The participants exchanged views on various issues with respect to the operation of the ASEM Global Ageing Center to promote human rights of older persons.
2. The participants acknowledged that many ASEM countries are becoming super-aged societies and deeply concerned that older persons are not able to fully enjoy their human rights, inter alia, to health, housing, income, education, employment, social security, access to information and an adequate standard of living. In this context, they recognized the need to take a human rights-based approach in responding to global population aging and

in resolving those challenges that older persons are faced with.

3. The participants recalled the Chair's statement of the 11th ASEM Summit, held on 15 -16 July 2016, in Ulaanbaatar which emphasized that persons in vulnerable situations inter alia, older persons need particular attention in order to ensure their full enjoyment of human rights and endorsed hosting of the 2nd ASEM Conference on Global Aging and Human Rights of older persons and the ASEM Round Table for Operation of the ASEM Global Ageing Center.
4. The participants, expecting the ASEM Global Aging Center be taking a leading role as an international hub to address the issue of population aging and human rights of older persons as well as to promote cooperation among ASEM members, recommended that the ASEM Global Aging Center should be committed to implementing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights norms and standards in a way to practically promote human rights of older persons.
5. The participants underlined the important role of governments, international organizations, national human rights institutions, international civil society organizations and academic institutions in promoting and protecting the human rights of older persons and reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen collaboration to promote the human rights of older persons through the ASEM Global Ageing Center.
6. The participants confirmed the need of ASEM member countries and relevant stakeholders to support the activities of the ASEM Global Ageing Center by

participating in the Steering Committee of the ASEM Global Ageing Center, contribute to the activities of the Center by dispatching experts and exchanging staff, and support with financial and material contribution for further development of the Center.

7. The participants expressed their appreciation to the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea for its timely initiative to establish the ASEM Global Aging Center and proposed that the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea play a leading role in establishing and operating the ASEM Global Ageing Center.