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**Updating the Regional Implementation Strategy
for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing****Terms of reference for the task force for the follow up on
paragraph 47 of the Rome Ministerial Declaration****I. Background**

Paragraph 47 of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration “entrust(s) the Standing Working Group on Ageing with the task of updating RIS and exploring the possibility of also updating MIPAA to adapt ageing-related policy responses to economic, social, and digital transitions and emerging challenges, and developing further instruments to support them”. At its fifteenth meeting in November 2022 the Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA) decided to establish a task force to follow up on paragraph 47. The modalities of setting up the task force and tentative milestones for its work were further discussed by the SWGA Bureau at its fifteenth meeting in April 2023.

II. Mandate

The task force, which will be chaired by the Vice-Chair of SWGA (Germany) and report to SWGA and its Bureau, will be created for a duration of three and a half years (2023–2026) with the goal of developing a revised draft Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS), to be submitted to SWGA at its nineteenth annual meeting in November 2026. Between 2023 and 2026 the task force will report on progress annually to SWGA.

III. Objective

The objective of the task force is to follow-up on paragraph 47 of the Rome Ministerial Declaration. Towards this objective the task force will develop the draft of a revised RIS. The draft of the revised RIS will be developed based on a participatory process that involves member States and representatives of civil society and the research community.

IV. Provisional timeline and outputs

The following outputs and tentative timeline are proposed:

- (a) Proposal of modalities and timetable for the process (by November 2023)

- (b) Implementation of a participatory process engaging civil society and researchers (2024–2025)
- (c) Proposal of main topics/themes to be included in new RIS (by November 2025)
- (d) Draft revised Regional Implementation Strategy (by November 2026)

V. Methods of work

The task force will primarily work via email and online conference calls. Occasional travel may be involved for in-person meetings that the task force may wish to organize.

VI. Membership

The task force will be chaired by Germany, Vice-Chair of SWGA. The task force will be comprised of members of SWGA and the representatives of civil society and the research community in the SWGA Bureau. UNECE acts as secretariat to the task force.
