

Terms of reference for the task force on quantitative monitoring of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Implementation Strategy in the UNECE Region (MIPAA/RIS)

I. Background

At its sixteenth meeting in November 2023 the Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA) invited the secretariat to explore the creation of a working group to develop a quantitative monitoring framework for MIPAA/RIS. The modalities of setting up the task force and tentative milestones for its work were further discussed by the SWGA Bureau at its sixteenth meeting in April 2024.

II. Mandate

The task force, which will be chaired by Portugal and report to SWGA and its Bureau, will be created for a duration of two and a half years (2024–2026) with the goal of developing a quantitative monitoring framework to be submitted alongside the revised draft RIS to SWGA at its nineteenth annual meeting in November 2026. Between 2024 and 2026 the task force will report on progress annually to SWGA.

III. Objective

The objective of the task force is to guide the development of a framework of quantitative indicators to monitor the implementation of MIPAA/RIS at the national and regional levels. The framework will be developed in parallel to the revised RIS. The framework will be piloted during the fifth periodic review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS in 2026-2027 and used in future review and appraisal cycles. As part of this process, the task force will contribute to the in-depth review on ageing-related statistics being carried out by the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) during the second half of 2024.

IV. Provisional timeline and outputs

The following outputs and tentative timeline are proposed:

- (a) Contribute to CES in-depth review on ageing-related statistics (2024)
- (b) Proposal of modalities and timetable for the process (by November 2024)
- (c) Proposal of indicators based on main topics/themes to be included in new RIS (November 2025)
- (d) Presentation of draft monitoring framework for MIPAA/RIS (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 Portugal. The task force will be comprised of members of SWGA, representatives of national statistical offices, civil society, and the research community. UNECE acts as secretariat to the task force.