2026 Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Population Ageing Outcome

Final version

We, the participants of the 2026 Asia-Pacific Conference on Population Ageing, representing governments, international organizations, academic institutions, the private sector, and all sectors of society, have reached broad consensus on actively responding to population ageing.

We recall the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, the 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and emphasize that the Asia-Pacific region is undergoing the largest and fastest demographic transition in human history, and that responding to population ageing is a common task facing all of humanity.

We fully recognize the achievements of Asia-Pacific countries in developing undertakings for older persons and the outcomes of their pragmatic cooperation. We agree that the practical challenges posed by demographic transition to social governance and sustainable development should be squarely addressed, and that we should unite our efforts, advance hand in hand, and jointly promote the building of a society for all ages. To this end, we propose the following:

I. Uphold a positive outlook on ageing and turn longevity into opportunities for development.

We shall foster the notion that "ageing is an asset rather than a burden", eliminate **ageism and** all forms of age discrimination, safeguard the full rights of older persons to social participation and equal development, and support older persons in turning their strengths in knowledge, life experience, and expertise into a driving force for promoting cultural heritage, social inclusion and **intergenerational solidarity.**

II. Adhere to a people-centred approach and make care services universal and accessible.

We shall work together to build sustainable **people-centred** care systems, strengthen the development of a professional care workforce, attach importance to the support and protection of family caregivers, improve incentive mechanisms for voluntary services, advance the building of barrier-free environments in both urban and rural areas, and create safe and convenient age-friendly environments.

III. Keep abreast of the changes of our times and promote the empowerment of digital technology for the common good.

We shall continue to improve the quality of elderly care services and the level of health services for older persons, promote the empowerment of older persons through technology, carry out campaigns to enhance the digital literacy of older persons, bridge the digital divide, expand the application of new technologies such as artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things in diverse scenarios, and enable all older persons to equitably share the benefits of digital civilization.

IV. Promote win-win cooperation and share the dividends of the silver economy.

We shall fully leverage the complementary strengths of all parties in actively responding to population ageing, build multilateral platforms for dialogue and exchange on the basis of respective

national conditions and development practices, jointly promote the development and prosperity of **an inclusive** silver economy, work hand in hand to address common challenges, and advance sustainable economic and social development.

V. Expand diverse partnerships and enhance mutual understanding and trust.

We shall continue to make good use of multilateral dialogue channels, promote the exchange and mutual learning of scientific research outcomes, policy experience, and innovative practices in the field of ageing, respect diverse development paths, consolidate the foundation of mutual trust, build broad consensus on jointly responding to population ageing, and support the coordinated and sound development of ageing-related endeavours in the Asia-Pacific region.