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The Stakeholder Group on Ageing welcomes the references to age and older people in **Paragraphs 20, 24, 26, 70g**. These reinforce the need to tackle age discrimination.

The Outcome Document, however, does not recognize older people as active participants in securing the future of the planet.

Older people are only described as being ‘vulnerable’ and are consistently left out when the document refers to who this Agenda is for.

We recommend the following priority changes to achieve a result that is more positive.

3 Priority Language Changes

1) Preamble, Paragraph on ‘People’:

Add the word ‘age’ to the final sentence of this paragraph: “...and secure the participation of all people and **age** groups...”

This sets a more positive agenda for older people and is perfectly in-line with the aspirations of the Framework.

2) Paragraph 53: This paragraph must recognize the role that people of all ages have in delivering this Agenda. Are signatory Governments saying that older people are not active participants in their families, communities and the development of their countries?

Amended text:

Children **and youth, women and men of all ages** will find in the new Goals a platform to enable them to become positive agents for change and to channel their infinite capacities for activism into the creation of a better world.

3) Paragraph 9: Add “...non-discrimination; of respect for **age**, race, ethnicity...”

Additional language changes:

- **Preamble (People):** Make explicit reference to “girls and women **of all ages**” (language used in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and anything less than this would be regressive).
- **Paragraph 21:** Add “Women **of all ages** and girls must enjoy equal access...”.
- **Paragraph 27:** Last sentence to be revised to read: “At the same time we shall devote greater effort to tackling non-communicable diseases **at all stages of life.**”
- **Paragraph 25:** Add “especially women farmers **of all ages**”

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