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Madam Chairperson,

The Report of the Secretary-General on “*Changing population age structures and sustainable development*” highlights the impact of the demographic transition in world of work, including on employment and social protection which are core issues related to the ILO’s mandate.

On top hand, the world’s working age population is expected to increase by about 21 per cent

This highlights the need for adequate social protection systems and in particular social protection floors. In emerging and developing countries, almost one-third of persons aged 65 and over are living in either extreme or moderate poverty. A major challenge concerning poverty among the

elderly is that almost half of them do not receive any pension – an issue that affects older women in particular. ILO recommendation No. 202 on Social Protection Floors provides a general

determinants.