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Falling Between the Cracks: Abuse and Violence against Older Women Marking World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

**Human Rights Council 29th session
Monday 15 June 2015 - 12h00-14h00
Conference Room XXV - Palais des Nations**

What are the specificities of violence against older women? Elder abuse remains largely a taboo subject and the gender aspects are too often obscured. Older women may be at risk of abuse and violence in all societies. Women with disabilities, suffering from dementia or who are care-dependent at home or in institutional care settings may be especially vulnerable to abuse.

Opening words:

- **Natacha Foucard**, Chief a.i, Groups and Accountability Section, Special Procedures Branch, OHCHR
- **Susan Somers**, President, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)

Speakers:

- **Rosa Kornfeld-Matte**, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons
- **Rashida Manjoo**, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (TBC)
- **H.E. Regina Maria Cordeiro Dunlop**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the UN in Geneva
- **Francelina Romao**, Health Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Mozambique
- **Silvia Perel-Levin**, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing, Geneva
- **Bridget Sleap**, Senior Rights Advisor, HelpAge International

- Interventions from the floor by sponsors and interactive debate

Moderator: **Alanna Armitage**, Director of UNFPA office in Geneva

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