



# **“Advancing social integration & intergenerational solidarity”**

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## The need to strengthen the rights of the elderly



- ▶ Approximately 20% of the world population will be over 60 years to 2050. In El Salvador will rise from 9.7% in 2012 to 21.2% in 2050 (UNFPA).
- ▶ Elderly: Group particularly vulnerable without his instrument at UN (CEDAW, Convention on the Rights of the Child, Disabilities, Migrant Workers).
- ▶ Gaps identified in the implementation of human rights in the situation of aging and the incidence of age discrimination.

## PROGRESS ON UN-LEVEL TOPIC

- ▶ 1982: First World Assembly on Ageing.
- ▶ 2002: Second World Assembly on Ageing and the International Action Plan for Madrid.
- ▶ 2010: Establishment of the Working Group of the General Assembly on Ageing (objective: identify gaps in the human rights framework and possible solutions).
- ▶ 2011: is proclaimed June 15 as World Day awareness of Elder Abuse in the Elderly.
- ▶ July 2012: United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights published study on gaps and challenges in the rights of the elderly.



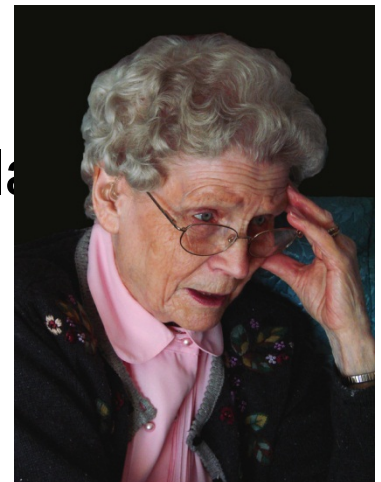
## EL SALVADOR AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- ▶ OAS process towards American Convention on the Rights of the Elderly.
- ▶ Participation in New York, in the Working Group on Ageing UN.
- ▶ Promotion within the Working Group on the need for a Convention at the United Nations.



## PRINCIPLES OF THE SALVADORAN'S PROPOSAL

- ▶ Recognition of the specific needs of the elderly.
- ▶ Recognition of the "feminization of old age".
- ▶ Thread both Human Rights and Development.
- ▶ Overcoming welfare vision towards a paradigm of empowerment and participation.
- ▶ Inclusion of civil society actors from the beginning of the process.
- ▶ Creating a critical mass of support.
- ▶ Complementarity with the Madrid Action Plan



## WE'VE DONE SO TODAY?

- ▶ Presentation of the first draft Resolution in August 2012.
- ▶ Leadership, First Lady of El Salvador along with the Permanent Representatives of the Latin America and the Caribbean. October 2012.
- ▶ Forming alliances with international civil society. International Day of the Elderly.
- ▶ Final adoption of Resolution A/RES/67/139 on December 20, 2012.

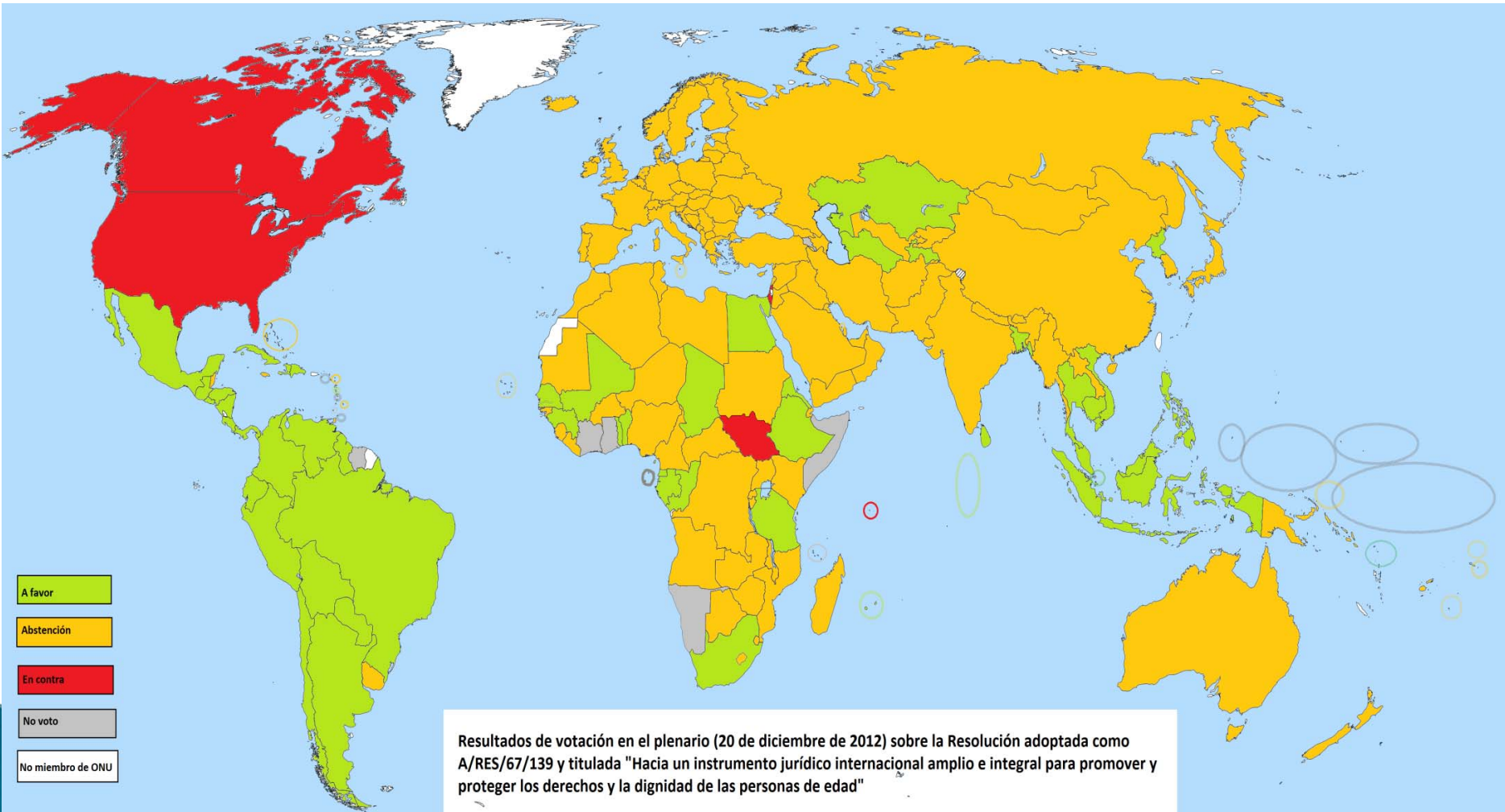


## Cosponsors: 25 COUNTRIES

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Mali, Cuba, Guatemala, Paraguay, Senegal, South Africa, Panama, Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan, Venezuela, Dominica, Costa Rica, Haiti, Belize, Gabon



# Result of voting (December 20, 2012)



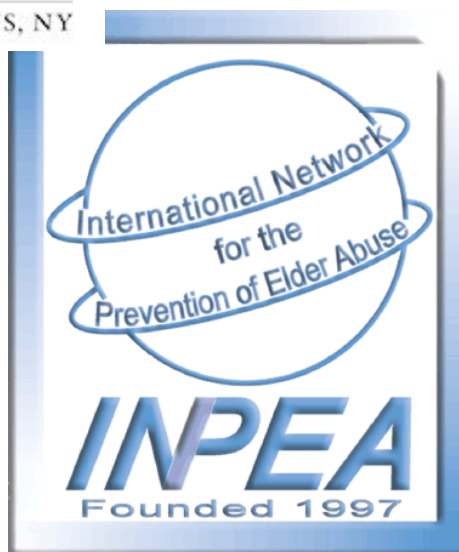


# Partnerships with civil society at the United Nations



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## A/RES/67/139 CONTRIBUTIONS OF RESOLUTION TO AGING

- ▶ It extends the mandate of the Working Group, therefore, from its next meeting in 2013, this will begin to receive input on the elements that contain a new international instrument.
- ▶ It makes clear the importance of attention to the case of elderly women and the gender perspective in the process.
- ▶ Governments, Agencies, Funds and Programs of the United Nations system, organizations, intergovernmental and NGOs may give their input.
- ▶ It starts the process towards a future Convention.

“You cannot end poverty without empowering women and girls. You cannot establish lasting peace without respect for human rights. You cannot increase prosperity or address climate change without transforming the world’s energy systems. We have to advance on all fronts.” Ban Ki-moon,



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