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**MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC****Asia-Pacific Fourth Review and Appraisal of
the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
Bangkok, 2022****Nomination of Focal Points**

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/152 and ECOSOC resolution 2020/8, it is our pleasure to inform all members and associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) that the Asia-Pacific Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing will be conducted in 2022.

The regional review and appraisal will provide an opportunity to take stock of levels and trends in population ageing, review ageing-related policies and programmes, including best practices and lessons learned, and discuss next steps in building a society for all ages. The deliberations will inform the global review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing at the Commission for Social Development in 2023.

It is in this context that members and associate members are invited to nominate a focal point on ageing for the secretariat to liaise with in preparation for the forthcoming regional review and appraisal. The focal point would be invited to coordinate with national organizations and relevant stakeholders on ageing and participate in capacity-building and preparatory meetings for the regional review.

In preparation for the regional review and appraisal, the secretariat will be circulating a voluntary national survey on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, and it will offer capacity-building to member States in 2021 in regards to the completion of the survey. In order to assist members and associate members in preparing for the national reviews and in order to advance the preparations of the regional review meeting in 2022, Governments are invited to complete an online nomination form ([link](#)) to designate a focal point on ageing by 26 February 2021.

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I look forward to the active participation of your Government in this initiative.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Alisjahbana'.

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Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Attachments