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SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING FORUM – INFORMING THE NATIONAL PLAN ON ELDER ABUSE

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CONSENSUS RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Plan:

1. Must be human rights-based, acknowledging the importance of supported decision-making in maximising independence for older people;
2. Must recognise the value of older people, including recognising their experience as decision-makers, and therefore working to maximise their involvement in decision-making about their lives;



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3. should include key supported decision-making concepts and principles, using nationally consistent definitions and terminology;
4. Should recognise that decision-making occurs in a social and cultural context, and that supported decision-making needs to accommodate diversity and be sensitive to cultural factors;

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5. should promote and ensure access to existing supported decision-making resources, further develop relevant resources, initiatives and partnerships (through co-design where possible), and support a Knowledge Hub to consolidate supported decision -making resources for all stakeholders;
6. should recognise the need for a significant national public awareness campaign, to promote understanding of what supported decision-making is and why it is relevant in preventing and/or minimising elder abuse and maximising independence;

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7. In addressing elder abuse, must be inclusive of supported decision-making, and promote a decision-making process that is person-centred, individually tailored, multi-disciplinary, multi-sectoral and collaborative;
8. should identify appropriate funding and resourcing that may be applied to supported decision-making initiatives, with the aim of enabling meaningful choices for people and sufficient time to implement supported decision-making;

CONT. (AND FINAL SLIDE)!

9. should promote the embedding of supported decision-making principles and practices in all educational and training programs relating to those working with older people with decision-making disabilities;
10. should suggest that governments only fund those services working with older people with decision-making disabilities where supported decision-making policies and practices are in place.

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