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OEWGA- Preparation and State of Discussion

Mission and Mode of Operation

- Establishment of the working group in 2010 by UN General Assembly.
- Mandate: Review of the existing international legal framework. Identify
 possible gaps in human rights protection and examine how to close them,
 including a binding legal instrument. (e.g. convention)
- Each session will discuss 2 focus topics from a list of 14 topics. In the following session, these topics are discussed from the perspective of "normative inputs".

State of Discussion

- "Gaps Paper" finances by Austria and Germany
- Argentine proposal in the 12th session. Formation of an informal "Core Group".
- State of discussion after 13th meeting, April 2023. Search for 2 facilitators for the further procedure.
- **Focus** topics will be worked through in the next meeting.

Preparation in D

- Each meeting of the OEWGA is prepared together with the federal ministries, civil society and academia (briefing), organised by the DIMR. <u>https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/themen/rechte-</u> <u>aelterer/nationale-aktivitaeten</u> (background paper, lectures, discussions)
- After each OEWGA meeting, there is a **debriefing** by the participating institutions (BMFSFJ, BAGSO, DIMR).
- **Goal** of the overall process is optimal preparation even with different viewpoints. Maximum involvement of all. (Federal Department, Civil Society, Sience)

Questions

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