

Closing Remarks

for

**The Honourable Alice Wong,
Minister of State (Seniors),**

to the

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
NGO Perspective and Networking Reception**

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New York, NY

First of all, I would like to thank both the United Nations and the United States for hosting us today and for giving me the opportunity to participate in this important event.

Canadian seniors will certainly benefit from the information that was shared at today's session.

Because today's event to mark **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** has clearly been an important step forward in building partnerships.

Some great examples have emerged from the discussions and presentations today, and we all now have some great ideas to work with when we go back home.

I would also like to stress the importance of partnerships between governments and non-government organizations in our efforts to put an end to elder abuse.

To all of the good people assembled today, I want to say "thank you" for your dedication to combatting this crime.

The wise words of advice we heard today from our partners demonstrate the importance of working together, sharing best practices and learning from each other.

The Government of Canada believes that continued collaboration with all our partners will help us reduce mistreatment of the elderly.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the Assistant Secretary for Aging, Kathy Greenlee, who spoke so eloquently on the issue of elder abuse.

She is clearly committed to addressing elder abuse, as are all the members of the United Nations community who I had the pleasure of meeting today.

Let's continue working together to help create fulfilling lives for seniors everywhere.

Thank you.