



## Code of elderly rights to be published soon (Minister of Women)

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(TAP) – Minister of Women, Family and Children, Naziha Laabidi said Tuesday, a code of the elderly rights will be published soon, underlining that it is the first code of its kind in the world devoted to the protection of the socio-cultural and health rights of the elderly.

She added that this code will be presented to the Cabinet meeting before submitting it to the House of People's Representatives (HPR) for adoption.

Laabidi said in a statement to TAP on the sidelines of its participation in the regional conference on "elderly woman in the Arab world", that the care of the elderly in Tunisia is through the multiplication of programmes of

social accompaniment and health care and the improvement of services provided by the centres for the protection of the elderly and the mobile teams responsible for the health of these persons.

This age category will increase in Tunisia to reach a rate of 17%, by 2029, she specified.

This regional symposium, organised at the initiative of the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis, in collaboration with the Beirut Centre for Medical Ethics and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation ( UNESCO), shed light on the situation of older women in the Arab world.

According to Saloua Hamrouni, a teacher of general law at the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis, Tunisia has proposed, thanks to certain laws, scientific solutions for the protection of the elderly woman, citing in particular the law relating to the protection of the elderly and the law on combating violence against women.

In this context, she called for the imperative of clarifying legal concepts and establishing the foundations of equality between men and women.

For her part, Dr. Talia Araoui, medical specialist at the American University Medical Centre in Beirut, presented the programme of medical ethics developed in collaboration with the faculty, whose objective is to give women the place it deserves at the socio-cultural and health levels.

In this connection, Araoui called to grant Arab women the necessary health and psychological care and to provide them with equal opportunities in employment.

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