



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

## Congress unanimously approves Citizens Political Party' initiative to eliminate the use of mechanical restraints in residences

(Madrid, May 17th, 2017) .- The Spanish Confederation of Older People's Organizations (CEOMA), warmly welcomes the unanimous approval of the Congressional Commission on Health and Social Services of the proposal, presented this month by the Citizens Parliamentary Group, for the elimination of mechanical restraints in all geriatric centres and residences. This proposal has been promoted by CEOMA since 2003 with its programme 'To Untie the Elderly and the Patients with Alzheimer's Disease". In this regard, the President of the Confederation, Mrs. Carmen García-Revilla, has held meetings with various political health and social authorities, as well as with a number of political parties, such as Citizens, who have carried out the proposal.

Mrs. García-Revilla said: "This unanimous approval of the elimination of Physical and chemical restraints is a great achievement in benefit of the dignity of people with Alzheimer Disease and other dementias. It is also a great step to catch up with other European countries, as well as other highly developed countries such as Japan or the USA where they are severely limited."

CEOMA by the hand of the Dr. Antonio Burgueño-Torijano, Technical Director of 'To Untie the Elderly and the Patients with Alzheimer's disease', has been involved and committed, at national and international level, with the elimination of physical restraints in Alzheimer's patients or the Patients with other dementias. CEOMA has worked with different entities accrediting as "Free of restraints centres" to different residences, day centres and groups that have been eliminating these ties, after following the corresponding training courses given by health specialists.

CEOMA's 'To Untie the Elderly and the Patients with Alzheimer's Disease' programme was awarded in the year 2010 with the 'Prince of Viana Care for Dependency' International Prize. Also, this programme was recognized by the Caser Foundation with a second award in the category 'Excellence in Dependency' on June 18, 2014 and with the "Love to the Experience"'s award by "Money and Health" magazine on 17 June 2015.

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## **CEOMA**

The Spanish Confederation of Older People's Organizations - CEOMA is a non profit organization created for the defense of the rights of elder people. It represents almost 1.500 associations and 23 older people's Organizations from all over Spain. More Information about us in www.ceoma.org

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