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International Day of Older Persons

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The United Nations has declared October 1st as [International Day of Older Persons](#). This day has been officially recognized since 1990 by the United Nations as well as the World Health Organization (WHO). It is a day to recognize the contributions of older persons and an opportunity to call for their protection in the aging process.

While some in the world look only at the monetary impact that demographic groups have on societies, it is important to appreciate the contributions and advancements that older persons have given to the younger generation.

The United Nations [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) states, “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.” These words ought to be paramount in any and all discussions concerning older persons as they approach their twilight years.

The United Nations hosts an ongoing series of discussions known as the [Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing](#). Organized by the Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, the panelists have just concluded their fourth working session with more to come.

“It is crucial that these talks respect existing United Nation documents including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” said MCCL GO’s Scott Fischbach. “The protection and nurture of the aged must be our primary concern when addressing older persons—not their economic impact on nations’ budgets.”

WHO has stated, “A demographic revolution is underway throughout the world. Today, worldwide, there are around 600 million persons aged 60 years and over; this total will double by 2025 and will reach virtually two billion by 2050—the vast majority of them in the developing world.”

This demographic revolution demands that older persons, and their right to live, be respected and protected in all UN documents.

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