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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS
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Addressing the Challenges and Opportunities of Ageing*:
Empowering Older Persons

The 17th Annual United Nations International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) observance in New York gives recognition to the achievements since 2002 in the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, the principal outcome document of the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

This International Day forum will examine progress towards achieving the objectives set forth in the Madrid Plan from the perspective of the empowerment of older persons, giving attention to the protection of their rights, their participation in society and the promotion of a positive image of ageing. In reviewing progress, the program will utilize wherever possible findings from "bottom up" review and appraisal processes recommended by the Commission for Social Development.

The OBJECTIVES of this 2007 UN IDOP forum are:

1. To raise awareness of the objectives set forth in the 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
2. To identify the actions of those working to achieve these objectives:
 - governments
 - civil society, especially NGO's
 - private enterprises
 - UN bodies
3. To explain and give examples of the 2007-2008 "bottom-up" review and appraisal process
4. To provide input to the first cycle of the regional review of progress and appraisal to date, noting any exemplary partnerships of governments, NGO's, academia, businesses, and UN bodies.

*This theme was endorsed in February 2006 by the United Nations Commission for Social Development as the global theme for the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.