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Dear NGO Friends and Colleagues:

We are writing to ask you to engage with us in this year's 17th observance of the United Nations International Day of Older Persons (IDOP). As you know, 2007 is the fifth anniversary year following the Second World Assembly on Ageing. This is an opportunity to review the 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and to begin or continue the involvement of your organization and all others in its implementation at the grassroots level.

The official date of the IDOP is 1 October 2007. At UN Headquarters in New York, we are celebrating the IDOP on Thursday, 4 October. We are asking your NGO to undertake any activities you deem appropriate in observing the International Day of Older Persons in 2007 and report to us by 1 NOVEMBER 2007 what your observance was, be it speeches, various presentations such as cultural/traditional offerings, sports, artistic presentations, any governmental participation.

We intend to develop a compendium of all the observances we learn about and present it to the February 2008 Session of the UN Commission for Social Development. This will illustrate the depth and extent of non-governmental civil society interest in the activities and programs of governments affecting older persons as well as represent the global voices of society.

Your report can be sent by email to: idop2007@gmail.com or by regular mail to:

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We also ask that you share this request with as many persons and organizations that you can in your immediate and wider areas, including those in other countries. We look forward to hearing from you at any time!

Sincerely yours,

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