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World Health Assembly Adopts Multi-Year Plan on Ageing and Health

Decade of Healthy Ageing set for 2020 to 2030

GENEVA, Switzerland — The World Health Assembly, the governing body of the World Health Organization (WHO), has approved a plan on ageing and health that calls for a decade of healthy ageing for the years 2020 to 2030. This plan builds on the 2014 resolution in support of palliative care in WHA67.19. The new plan and strategy come at a time when most world populations are ageing rapidly.

"The World report on ageing and health and now this new plan of action have both been very life-affirming for those advancing in years," stated Scott Fischbach, Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Global Outreach (MCCL GO), from Geneva. "The Decade of Healthy Ageing expresses a strong commitment to accessible and affordable health care, including a push toward establishing long-term care as a right, in addition to fighting elder abuse."

The resolution was adopted on May 26 at the annual meeting of the World Health Assembly in Geneva. The vision established with this new WHO plan calls for "a world in which everyone can live a long and healthy life." It sets out five strategic objectives that work toward the betterment and safety of older persons as we enter into the Decade of Healthy Ageing, which commences in 2020.

"MCCL Global Outreach welcomes this new plan on ageing and continues to push for the international community to respect all human beings, at every stage of human development—with extra protection and care for those who are most vulnerable," Fischbach concluded.

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