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**International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) To Celebrate 10 Year Anniversary of Second  
World Assembly on Ageing, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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The NGO Committee on Ageing will celebrate the International Day of Older Persons to launch the ten year anniversary of the Second World Assembly on Ageing on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army Auditorium, located at 221 East 52<sup>nd</sup> St.

The Second World Assembly on Ageing focused on incorporating the rapidly-growing elderly population into modern society through advocacy and social inclusion. At an evening reception, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations, the NGO Committee on Ageing will honor ten individuals for their passionate commitment to shaping society in positive way for the ageing population and future generations.

The 2011 honorees are: Julia Alvarez, former Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations; Kofi Annan, Secretary General during the UN Second World Assembly on Ageing; The Government of Argentina; Dr. Mohini Giri, Chairperson for the National Council of Older Persons in India; Baroness Sally Greengross, Co-chair of the Alliance for Health & the Future and Executive Chair of the International Longevity Centre - UK; Dr. Alexandre Kalache, Advisor to the Brazilian Government; Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa and Human Rights Activist; Dr. Maria Isabel Rodríguez, First Female Minister of Health in El Salvador; Dr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Former Head of the UN Programme on Ageing; and Elie Wiesel, Nobel Laureate.

**About the NGO Committee on Ageing, United Nations:**

“The New York NGO Committee on Ageing works collaboratively to promote and support a United Nations (UN) Convention for the Rights of Older Persons. The UN Convention, a treaty among nations, would ensure that older persons around the world have the right to live with dignity and peace and that governments put in place appropriate national policies and programs that allow persons to participate and live as an active member of society and protect them from discrimination.”

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