

FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly 75 years ago and considered to be a monumental document in the history of human rights, was written by representatives from all over the world with different legal, cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

This is the first document that expresses the basic human rights that should be universally protected.

This year, the theme of the International Day of the Elderly on October 1 has been announced as "Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations".

Undoubtedly, the elderly should live an equal and dignified life without discrimination. They should age with rights and dignity, their access to justice should be facilitated, and their exclusion from society should be prevented.

Secure, dignified and self-determined lives in old age should go beyond dreams, and they should be protected from social and economic inequalities.

In this context laws and policies are needed to recognize the elderly as equal members of society and strengthen accountability towards the elderly as rights holders.

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