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Mrs. Charlotte Wristberg
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Department of Ageing and Life Course (ALC)
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Dear Mrs. Wristberg:

On behalf of the City of London, Ontario, Canada, we are pleased to submit to the World Health Organization (WHO) our municipality's formal letter of commitment to join the WHO's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities by undertaking and completing these four key steps within the next two years:

1. The establishment of mechanisms to involve older people in all stages of the Age-Friendly Cities process, including partnerships with government and civil society, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions;
2. The development of a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of London considering the 8 domains identified in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities Guide;
3. The development of a 3-year city-wide Action Plan, based on the findings of this assessment; and
4. The identification of indicators to evaluate and monitor progress against this Action Plan.

As Londoners, we recognize the valuable role older citizens play in our city, and we strive to ensure our actions and decisions support this important sector of our vibrant community. To this end, we are pleased to attach a copy of the April 27, 2010 London Council Resolution, which directed: *"the Civic Administration to make application for the City of London to be a member of the WHO's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and the Mayor to submit a letter of support to the WHO for this initiative."* We are also attaching a copy of our Creative City Committee's Age-Friendly Working Group Report entitled 'Age-Friendly London: a Report to the Community', which has been endorsed by Council in principle and referred to Civic Administration for consideration in the development of its next Seniors Community Plan due in 2012.

We thank the World Health Organization for inspiring our city to be the best it can be, and we look forward to liaising with your office on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Honourable Joe Fontana
Mayor

Jeff Fielding
Chief Administrative Officer

