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This year Human Rights Day highlights 'Freedoms,' recalling the four freedoms that underlie the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and two major human rights covenants, and first articulated in 1941 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his "four freedoms speech."

Human Rights Day 2015 also marks the launch of a year-long campaign to celebrate the 50th anniversary of two of the oldest international human rights treaties - the International Covenant

on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Along with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, they form the International Bill of Human Rights, which together set out the civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights which are the birth right of all human beings. The freedoms set out in these documents are universal. They apply to everyone, everywhere. Traditional practices, cultural norms cannot justify taking them away.

"On Human Rights Day, I call on all of us to recommit to the vision of a world where basic freedoms are guaranteed and human rights are promoted and protected."

Ban Ki-moon,
United Nations Secretary-General

"Freedom is the ideal that underpins what we now recognize as international human rights law, the norms and regulations that protect and guarantee our rights."

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein,
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights