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International protection of adults

Part 1

Preliminary

Adults with incapacity

- 4** “Adult” means a person who—
- (a) as a result of an impairment or insufficiency of the person's personal faculties, cannot protect his or her interests; and
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 285(2)(a)-(c) substituted for s. 285(2)(a)(b) by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 77\(b\)](#)