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## SCHEDULES

PROSPECTIVE

### SCHEDULE 9

#### International protection of adults

#### **Part 1**

#### Preliminary

#### *Adults with incapacity*

- 4 “Adult” means a person who—
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  - (b) is 16 or over.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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\(b\)](#)