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ICN strongly supports the WHO Council's recommendation to treat health workers as a long-term investment not a short-term cost.

ICN's newly launched report on the Economic Power of Care shows that investing in nursing is an accelerator for global growth that could boost GDP by up to 8%. Elevating the nursing profession can catalyse transformative improvements in health care delivery, economic development, peace and societal well-being. Furthermore, achieving effective UHC is heavily reliant on investing in nursing to meet the required 70 nurses per 10,000 population, a number many countries are far from.

As countries rebuild and strengthen Health systems and economies, strategic investment in nursing emerges as a pivotal pathway to achieving sustained growth and resilience.