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The extremely limited reference to nurses in the draft resolution is regrettable as nurses make a significant contribution to reducing maternal, newborn and child mortality and achieving the related SDG targets. Nurses work closely with women and children throughout the life course, increasing equitable access to essential health care such as childhood immunization, voluntary family planning, and prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.

To equitably scale-up high-quality newborn, child and adolescent health services and to strengthen community engagement and health promotion, ICN urges Member States to invest in the nursing workforce. ICN also strongly supports the implementation of a transformative PHC approach to move forward this agenda.

We encourage stakeholders to collaborate with ICN and nurses on this important agenda that is central to nursing practice.