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ICN supports WHO's commitment to addressing underlying drivers of health needs in fragile, conflict-affected and vulnerable settings and recognizes the contribution of health programmes to this.

Inequalities and social breakdown can lead not only to poor health, but to tensions and conflict in people's lives and communities. Through its Nurses for Peace initiative, ICN has identified and promoted nursing roles that directly contribute to peace building. Nurses' holistic approach to address root causes of ill health brings people together, building partnerships and relationships that are the foundations of health, community cohesion and peace.

ICN also strongly condemns violence against health care and urges Member States under IHL to take immediate action to protect health personnel and infrastructure in conflict settings.