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Agenda item 23.3

WHO reform: involvement of non-State actors in WHO's governing bodies

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The International Council of Nurses (ICN) strongly supports the amplification of the voices of NSAs throughout WHO's governing bodies.

Nurses provide intimate hands-on care, have professional knowledge and expertise on all matters related to health and well-being and are integral to person-centred care. Nurses work in public and private sectors to advance global health through direct patient care, leadership, research and education. Ignoring the direct voice of 28 million nurses worldwide through non-state actors like the ICN would omit critical information needed to address global health and well-being. ICN supports listening to the direct voices of non-state actors for advancing global health and well-being. Consultation with NSAs is needed before making the final decision on constituency statements. Constituency statements should not prevent individual statements, and the selection of agenda items must involve NSAs.