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The International Council of Nurses, representing the over 28 million nurses globally, welcomes WHO's clarification and supports continuous consultation of the draft Roadmap for the Global Health and Peace Initiative.

ICN recognizes the contribution of health programmes to improve prospects of peace, such as nurses' holistic approach and their dedication to marginalized communities as a bridge to social cohesion and peace. ICN strongly condemns indiscriminate attacks on healthcare and emphasizes the importance of the safety and protection of healthcare personnel under IHL in fragile, conflict-affected and vulnerable settings. To achieve health and peace, ensuring the safety and protection of health facilities and health personnel is fundamental to the provision of impartial healthcare services. Attacks on health should never be normalized.