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The International Council of Nurses (ICN), representing over 30 million nurses worldwide, maintains that health is the foundation of global security and peace, and strongly condemns all attacks on health care.

Ongoing conflict takes an immense toll on the safety and mental health of health personnel. Nurses face critical shortages, persistent threats, and impossible working conditions. Through its Nurses for Peace campaign, ICN supports nurses in more than ten countries affected by conflict and humanitarian emergencies.

On the 10th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 2286, ICN again urges all states and parties to armed conflict to fulfil their obligations under international humanitarian law and protect health personnel, patients, and healthcare facilities.