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Representing the world's 27 million nurses, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) urges all Parties to fully implement the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

Every day, nurses see the harmful and fatal effects of tobacco and, as the largest group of healthcare providers and working in all settings, are uniquely placed to provide tobacco use prevention and cessation services. To support this, Parties must ensure integration of tobacco use prevention and dependence treatment in nursing curricula.

From the intense physical and psychological demands of the COVID-19 pandemic, healthcare workers, often lacking support, may resort to using tobacco as a coping strategy. This is particularly harmful as they are trusted role models for patients and communities. As such, countries must invest in the health workforce to create safe working environments and accessible mental health support services. Furthermore, there is a need for information tailored to healthcare workers to recognize and understand the tobacco industry marketing strategies that are targeted at them.