



## **WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD 152th SESSION**

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### **Global Health for Peace Initiative**

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The International Council of Nurses (ICN) recognizes the close link between health and peace. Nurses have an obligation to safeguard and promote the right to health during peace and conflict. Providing impartial care to those in need is enshrined in the ICN's Code of Ethics and is at the heart of nursing practice.

The roadmap provides broad guidance in setting strategic goals and operational priorities. It lacks clarity on the engagement of health personnel in the implementation phase. ICN supports designing health interventions that are conflict-sensitive, however, we emphasize improving health outcomes of served populations remains nurses' main role. ICN is concerned medical neutrality can be at risk if the engagement of health personnel is not well defined in the implementation of the initiative. We urge WHO to provide further clarification and have a wider consultation in the second round.