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Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and the over 27 million nurses worldwide.

The nursing workforce is central to immunization strategies and the main clinical provider of vaccines to billions of individuals. ICN calls for active involvement of nurses in regional and national operational planning, monitoring and evaluation, mechanisms for ownership and accountability, and communications and advocacy strategies and believes this is essential to progress the IA2030 goals.

Progress will not be made until the COVID-19 pandemic ends. Millions of health workers, responsible for delivering essential immunization strategies, still do not have access to COVID-19 vaccines. At this unacceptable pace, we will fail to achieve the 70% COVID-19 immunization coverage goal and the pandemic will rage on.

The world must follow its moral compass and take immediate, collective and sustained action to protect the health workforce and address gross inequities in global COVID-19 vaccine access.