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Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

(a) Draft implementation road map 2023–2030 for the global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2030

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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.

ICN strongly supports increasing health system capacity for NCDs through strengthening prevention & control of NCDs in Primary Health Care (PHC), however, this will require optimization of the nursing and health workforce.

Equipped with the appropriate competencies, Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Nurses are a primary provider of health promotion and NCD screening, early diagnosis, treatment, palliation, and rehabilitation services across all care settings.

ICN encourages countries to fully mobilise the expertise of nurses to tackle the NCD epidemic by optimizing the role of the nurse in PHC and ensuring a more rational distribution of roles within team-based care approaches. Building an NCD-ready workforce will also require the protection, resourcing, and fair remuneration of nurses.

Furthermore, we strongly agree with Member States that mental health should be discussed as a separate issue considering the global emergency in mental health.