



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

Agenda item 9

### **Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control**

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The International Council of Nurses (ICN) welcomes the report which highlighted the urgent need for reliable implementation of IPC strategies and the interlinkage of protecting patients and health personnel from health care-associated infections. Nurses account for close to 50% of the global health workforce. ICN emphasizes the role of nurses to integrate IPC measures into patient pathways and health service delivery across the continuum of care. Nurses are a vital force to drive forward the planning and implementation of the global strategy at the country and regional levels.

ICN reiterates the dedicated role of IPC nurse specialists in implementing IPC core components and ensuring occupational health and safety in health care facilities.

We call on Member States to invest in and protect the nursing workforce by ensuring safe staffing levels, providing sufficient personal protective equipment and regular IPC training.