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**Re: European Federation of Nurses Associations - International Nurses Day Greetings**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

International Nurses' Day is celebrated around the world each year on 12 May, the birth of Florence Nightingale. This annual event provides an opportunity to reflect on the incredible contribution of nursing and midwifery staff and recognise the vital lifesaving work they do every day. However, the significance of recognising each and every nurse and midwife this year is all the more important with the ongoing health crisis impacted by decades of under investment.

Every year, nurses and midwives through their relentless commitment, expertise, professionalism, bravery, and heroic actions save countless numbers of lives while caring and comforting so many through their suffering and onto a path of recovery whilst also providing compassionate end of life care. The EFN recognises the debt of gratitude that is owed to so many selfless nurses and midwives.

In addition, the EFN recognises the exceptional leadership role of all our National Nursing Associations (NNAs) Members to ensure all nurses and midwives are supported, resourced and protected within their respective countries. We do not underestimate the challenges that NNAs and many individual nurses and midwives have already faced and the serious and concerning challenges that are ahead for us all.

On the 12 May 2023, the EFN is marking the occasion of the International Day of the Nurse in solidarity with all our nurses and midwives. It is with great pride we recognise the individual and the collective efforts of nurses and midwives and humbly commend their selfless commitment, professionalism and bravery to deliver excellence in healthcare to all in need. We know nurses and midwives make a world of difference to people's lives, and it is with humility that the EFN thanks each of you for all that you do.

In Sincere Solidarity,

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