

STATEMENT ON BUILDING RESILIENT INTERNATIONAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP EMPOWERING HEALTH WORKERS

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We acknowledge that health and access to healthcare is a fundamental human right and the health workforce, its capacity, well-being, professionalism and commitment, is a cornerstone of any health system, capable of ensuring universal health coverage and ability to adequately respond to disasters, hazards, conflicts and other global challenges.

We recognise that, in the modern era, no single health system can be fully secure from such risks, and that improved international cooperation and joint actions are essential tools to mitigate them and reduce vulnerability.

We remain committed to the objectives set by the World Health Organisation in the Global strategy on human resources for health: Workforce 2030.

With respect to the heroism and dedication of health workers, involved in providing care to the victims of the russian invasion of Ukraine at the frontline, across Ukraine, in countries hosting those who have fled the war,

or facing the global impacts of the war around the world, we strongly support that best practices and lessons learnt should be incorporated into global policies and transformed into initiatives, helping to prevent and minimise negative consequences of such events in the future.

We recommend establishing multilayered partnerships, encouraging both governmental and expert-to-expert cooperation and communication.

We aim to make the benefits of international cooperation transparent and achievable for all health workers, encouraging them to be a substantial part and driver of this cooperation.

We encourage any formal or informal avenues of cooperation, beneficial for the main objective of the Statement and consolidating efforts towards empowering health workers.

We welcome countries and stakeholders, who share the values of this Statement and remain open to developing new partnerships.