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The International Council of Nurses (ICN) believes that health and wellbeing are the bedrock to safety and security and that peace and health are inseparable.

The values of the nursing profession such as justice, respect, equity, human rights, and compassion are all foundations of peace, and by upholding these in everyday practice, nurses are influencers of peace, peace diplomacy and peace building.

As trusted members of their communities nurses can greatly contribute to strengthen and operationalize the link between health, social cohesion and peace.

Nurses working on the frontlines in fragile, conflict-affected, and vulnerable settings deliver care that is centered on neutrality, reconciliation, and healing. Furthermore, their dedication to ensuring access to and delivering high quality people-centered care is a force for happiness, connection, and solidarity.

Lastly, we highlight the ICN #NursesForPeace campaign, supported by nurses around the world, for global nursing solidarity and support in response to the invasion of Ukraine.