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**Greetings from Dr Pamela Cipriano, President,
International Council of Nurses
Registered Nurses of Ontario, June 22, 2023**

Dear colleagues and esteemed guests,

I am delighted to send you greetings on behalf of the International Council of Nurses, and your colleagues across the world. Congratulations on convening your 98th Annual General Meeting with the theme of “Change through Unity and Action.” We share your joy in being able to come together, in person after four years, to design and initiate actions to support the workforce and continue to strengthen the nursing profession.

As many of you know, ICN is a federation of national nursing associations across the world. We work to ensure quality nursing care, promote sound health policies globally, advance the profession and promote the wellbeing of nurses. We advocate for the profession by ensuring that nursing’s voice is heard at the highest levels of international and national decision and policy making. The watchword for my presidency is “influence” which guides our work to strengthen ICN’s and nursing’s ability to influence health policy so that nurses are the leaders in delivering health for all.

A key example of our advocacy agenda is the recent release of our *Charter for Change*, which calls on governments to establish health care policies that will create a sustainable global healthcare system with a better future for nursing and health care. The *Charter* builds on the 2023 International Nurses Day theme, “Our Nurses, Our Future”, a campaign that demands actions to value, protect, respect, and invest in nurses to transform and sustain safer and more responsive health systems. I know you share these same aspirations.

I hope you are planning to join us July 1-5 in Montreal for our Congress where you can continue to exchange ideas with colleagues from around the world as we address pressing issues and showcase the contributions of nurses to elevating health, securing health equity and rebuilding the nursing workforce for the future among other important topics.

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ICN congratulates RNAO for its continued leadership on evidence-based practice through your expanding influence with your Best Practice Guidelines (BPG) program as well as the growing number of Best Practice Spotlight Organizations (BPSOs). Congratulations on this year's 20th anniversary of the BPSO Program. We look forward to the many papers and posters that will be presented at Congress by BPSO members from around the world.

On behalf of ICN, I thank you for your many contributions to improving nursing and health care. I wish you all the best for a successful meeting.

Sincerely,

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