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Report on the Founding Meeting

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By the year 2000, people in all Member States needing long-term care and support should have access to appropriate services of a high quality.

ABSTRACT

By formalizing their relationship with WHO, nurses and midwives can further the public health agenda in Europe and help to ensure that health services are equitable, cost-effective, focused on the patient and community, and oriented to outcome. The aim of the European Forum of Nursing and Midwifery Associations and WHO Founding Meeting was to gain consensus on establishing the Forum, and on its purpose and direction. The participants saw the Forum as a means to increase the visibility of nursing and midwifery and to allow the professions direct access, through a critical link with WHO, to both international policy and strategy development. Representatives of 26 national nursing associations and WHO signed a declaration of intent, committing themselves to the aims of the Forum and the election of a steering committee to draw up operating principles (including details of financial support), for consideration at the next plenary meeting of the Forum in autumn 1997.

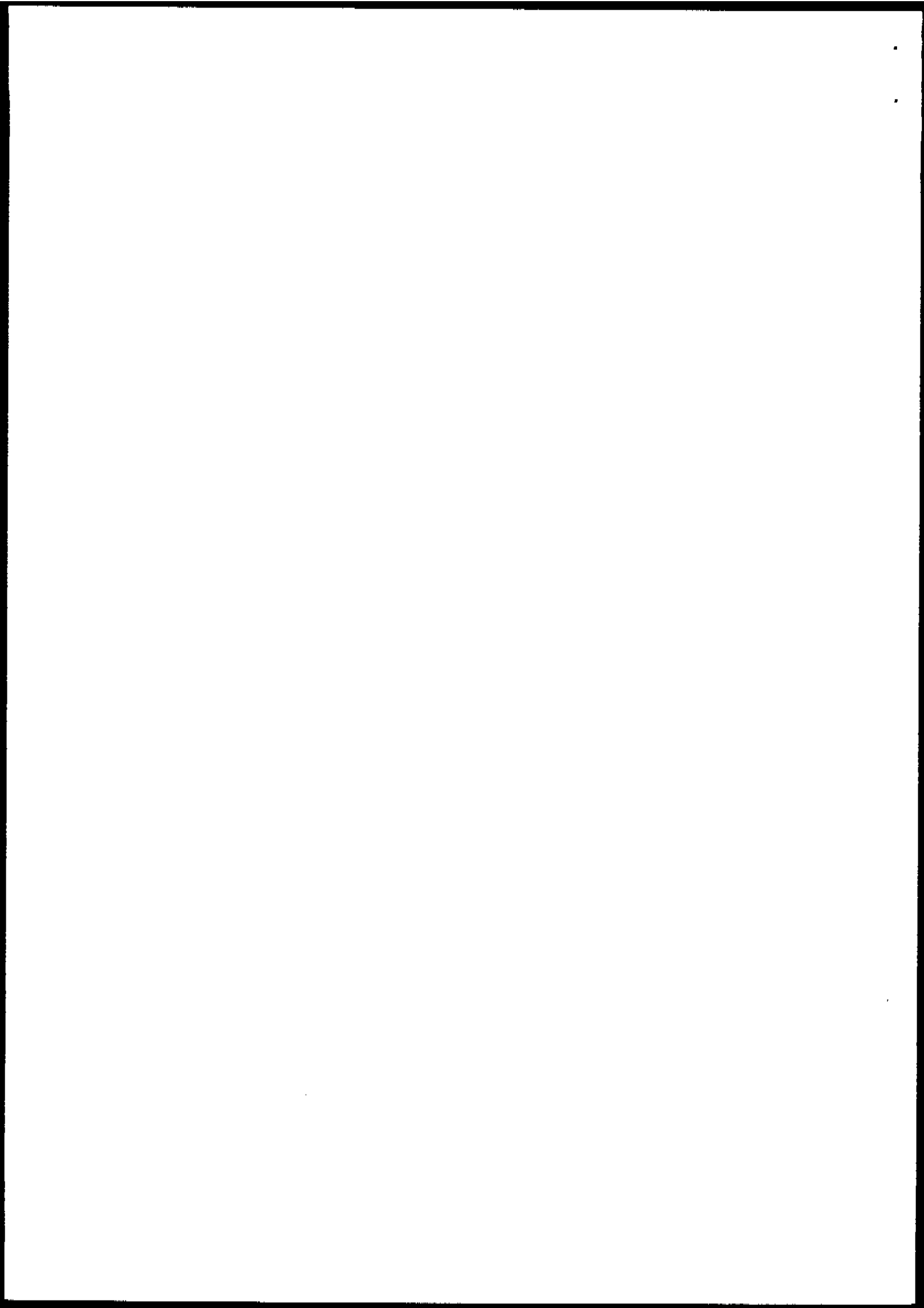
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1. Introduction

Nurses and midwives are employed in every health care setting – the home, the community, the hospital, the school and the workplace and touch lives from the unborn child to those in their later years. Thus ideally placed to impact positively on the health of the population, this workforce, through its association with the World Health Organization (WHO), can further the public health agenda in Europe. WHO's Regional Office for Europe is currently working with countries during this transition period of health care reforms, to ensure that health services are equitable, cost-effective, patient- and community-focused and health outcome oriented. Nurses and midwives have the potential to ensure that such principles are translated into action. Thus the founding of a European Forum of Nursing and Midwifery Associations and WHO is timely.

The Founding Meeting of the Forum, organized by the Regional Office in collaboration with the Spanish General Council of Nursing, was held in Madrid, on 9 November 1996, to gain agreement on a commonality of purpose and to work towards a strategy for establishing the Forum. The meeting drew together 41 participants representing, 26 national nursing associations across Europe, and 12 observers from European specialist nursing groups, Ministry of Health officials, and nongovernmental organizations in nursing and midwifery, as well as three staff from the Regional Office (Annex I, List of Participants).

1.1. Objectives of the meeting

The overall objective of the Founding Meeting was to gain consensus on the establishment of the Forum, and to reach an agreement on its purpose, direction and the initial practical steps necessary for its establishment.

The meeting was structured as follows (Annex II – Programme):

- a general presentation on the current health situation in Europe and the efforts that the Regional Office is making to tackle these health inequities.
- an account of national nursing and midwifery association contributions in international collaboration, through the example of the Norwegian Nurses' Association.
- open discussion to clarify the similarities and differences in interests amongst national nursing associations, specialist nursing groups and WHO.
- endorsement of a Declaration of Intent for the Forum

1.2 Welcome

The meeting was opened by Dr Miriam Ovalle, Board Member of the Spanish General Council of Nursing. Welcoming the participants on behalf of her association, she also expressed the continued positive spirit of long-standing collaboration between Spain and WHO. More specifically for the nursing and midwifery professions, this Founding Meeting was timely to rethink the priorities and contribution of the professions to health care reforms in today's Europe, including the prime aim of nursing in Spain, i.e. to improve the quality of life of patients/clients.

Ms Christine Hancock, President of the Standing Committee on Nursing of the European Union (EU-PCN), was nominated Chairperson. Being the President of the EU-PCN, said Ms Hancock, was not a prerequisite to chairmanship but to facilitate this Founding Meeting. Her anticipation of the potential of the Forum to contribute to health in Europe was shared with the participants.

2. The health of WHO's European Region

Dr J.E. Asvall, Regional Director of the Regional Office addressed the meeting on the major challenges currently facing the Regional Office, namely:

- assisting its now 50 European Member States (31 in 1991) to think differently about health development in their respective countries;
- assisting countries to operationalize policy at the local level, through the development of tools for the same; and
- stimulating health promotive action throughout the Region.

Participants were reminded of the increased health needs of the countries of central and eastern Europe (CCEE) and the newly independent states (NIS) as a consequence of the collapse of the former Soviet Union and the breakdown of established health care systems, and the implications of this for the work of the Regional Office. Health problems included a dramatic fall in life expectancy for males in the NIS and the re-emergence of diseases such as diphtheria (peaking at 50 000 cases in 1995), as well as cholera, malaria, tuberculosis, and not least sexually transmitted diseases. More recently, health impeding behaviour caused by cultural changes in these countries, are taking their toll as reflected by the high prevalence of AIDS/HIV (among other sexually transmitted diseases), suicide, traffic accidents and violence. In combination with economic recession and the general unavailability of drugs and medical equipment, clear inequities in health are emerging between western and eastern Europe as is also true of inequitable demographic distribution. The imbalance was shown in the age distribution of populations which divide west and east, with an increase in birth rates in the CCEE/NIS while western countries see more greying populations. Inequities, in some cases, were not limited to an east-west divide but could be seen between and within countries. An example is the poverty factor which influences life expectancy, allowing a potential of eight further years of life for a child born into a higher income bracket family compared with a child born to poor parents. Another important inequity can be seen in health care provision within the same country. Diabetes management was cited as an example, with striking variations seen in the outcomes achieved for people with diabetes within Sweden and France.

While economic inequities could not be rectified by the health care sector directly, many health care inequities could, through better management skills. The development of quality indicators is paramount to this aim. The ability of doctors and nurses to measure the care which they deliver and to compare their results with peers was the recommended channel for improvement. While it is common to collect data upwards in the health care system, the reverse is not common practice. Collection and access to data by health care professionals, while respecting its confidentiality, is the key to quality development in health services. Furthermore, the attitude of professionals both with respect to their curative inputs and health promotive approach is considered important. Tobacco consumption and its hazardous effects was cited as an example.

All of the above concerns, including patient rights, was the impetus of the WHO Conference on European Health Care Reforms (Ljubljana, June 1996) and more specifically to the European Charter on Health Care Reforms, which most European Member States have now endorsed.

What all of the above meant for the Regional Office's Nursing and Midwifery Programme since the 1970s was reviewed. The European Study on People's Needs for Nursing Care (WHO, Regional Office for Europe, 1976-1985) had launched a movement in nursing to research its contribution and to commit the profession to a new direction for quantifying patients' needs for nursing care and to ensure the early detection of health related problems and solutions at the appropriate level. This was reaffirmed at the European Nursing Conference (Vienna, 1988).

This philosophy and operational strategy has since been widely disseminated through the Nursing in Action Project and the LEMON (*LEarning Materials On Nursing*) Project which aimed to improve nursing and midwifery education in CCEE/NIS. However, country based development in the professions since the collapse of the Soviet Union, has been slow in improving the quality of care and in introducing health promotive practices.

The timing of this Forum is thus opportune to revisit the issues raised in Vienna. The European Medical and Pharmaceutical Fora and WHO, through their efforts to support the Health for All policy, have taken important steps to further the public health agenda in Europe. Their actions, with a support structure comprising a Liaison Committee, Secretariat, and task forces to develop the issues, include the development of statements gained through consensus on issues such as smoking, quality of care and improving lifestyles. Nurses and midwives, who comprise a large proportion of the health workforce (4.5 million in the European Region alone) could make as strong an impact. WHO can influence governments, but it is only through the efforts of health professionals that equity, solidarity and other basic human values can be ensured. Nursing must speak out to ensure equity in health for every citizen and this Forum could be the unified voice of WHO and the professions to influence governments in this direction. (Annex II(a) – overheads)

3. The international potential of national nursing and midwifery associations

Per Godtland Kristensen, delegate of the Norwegian Nurses' Association, as an example of the contribution that nursing associations can make to health internationally, shared the experience of his association. The strategic position of national nursing associations with respect to both international nursing networks and trade unions is the prime potential for contribution and a return for its own work at the national level. He underscored that the independent status of these associations allowed them to be free agents in their development but that, as often is the case, their aims are harmonious with those of the Government, WHO and concerned non-governmental organizations.

The Norwegian Nurses' Association has eight ongoing international bilateral projects, predominantly outside of the European Region. Five of these projects relate to organizational structure building while the others focus on professional education development and health promotive activities in technical areas such as AIDS/HIV and maternal and child health (Annex III(b) overheads)

4. Discussion

The floor was opened to participants for clarification of the aims of the Forum and to discuss areas of common and different interests between the groups represented at the meeting.

4.1 Positive response to establishing the Forum

There was a general expression of welcome by the participants to the establishment of the Forum, seeing it as a potential to reinforce the visibility of the profession and allowing direct access, through a critical link with WHO, to both international policy and strategy development, especially in relation to the profession. It was noted that the professions were not always made aware of this information by their respective Central health authorities. In addition, national nursing associations could thus ensure the inclusion of the voice of their most junior member to the international arena. Finally, the leverage of working with WHO through the Forum on priority areas such as research on quality of care, would be facilitated by the Forum, as would advocating patient interests and care for clients/patients.

WHO works with the professionals directly, as can be seen by the Regional Office Networks for Healthy Cities, health promoting schools, etc. It has worked with the medical forum for a decade and is now seeking partnership with the National Nursing Associations on professional matters (trade union concerns are beyond the mandate of WHO). Governments have afforded WHO the liberty to set the agenda for health in Europe and WHO documentation centres around the Region (36 centres in total) are established to provide information direct to the professions.

WHO not only supports its Member State Governments but, at times, challenges their decisions. Working in unison with the professional associations, WHO's influence on governments to adopt appropriate health policies can be better ensured.

4.2 Representation in the Forum

4.2.1 Specialist nurse groups

While WHO, in several of its Programmes/Projects related to e.g. chronic diseases, maternal and child health, invites specialist groups to work with them, within the context of the Forum it should be recognized that the membership could be too broad and unmanageable as one country could have several associations, and there are 50 WHO European Member States. Predominantly for this reason, WHO associated fora are restricted to general professional associations. Specialist group representation in the European Forum of Medical Associations and WHO is marked by observer status (there are 10 observer associations in the Medical Forum).

4.2.2 Midwives and nursing to join forces for public health advancement

The meeting was informed of the consent of midwifery colleagues in association with the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) to share the aims of this Forum. ICM Council meetings have come forward with similar issues for action and the time was right to join forces between nurses and midwives towards common aims.

5. Organization of the Forum

The organizational structure of the Forum is to be kept simple. The formation of a steering committee would be necessary to work out details related to membership and function of the Forum. The first meeting of the Forum's Steering Committee was suggested to be held at the Regional Office and key persons from the European Pharmaceutical and Medical Associations and WHO fora could participate to draw on their experiences and advise on the structural and functional aspects of this forum.

It was agreed at this time, that the meeting only sign up to the aims of the Forum and the formation of a Steering Committee to further develop the structural and functional principles. These would be agreed upon by the Forum at the next plenary meeting. Efforts should be made to invite midwives to sign up as well.

5.1 Functional aspects of the Forum

The following functional aspects are not inclusive to the work of the Steering Committee elect but were simply raised for its consideration.

5.1.1 Financing

With respect to financing of the Forum, and more particularly to the Secretariat function, resources will have to be sought from outside of the Regional Office's Nursing and Midwifery Programme, as the budget was inadequate to finance Forum activities as well as to assist in developing nursing and midwifery in 50 WHO European Member States.

5.1.2 Languages

Russian interpretation/translation at Forum annual meetings should be made available, subject to funding possibilities. This would encourage representation in the Forum from CCEE/NIS. Otherwise, the working language should be only English.

5.1.3 Interface between the EU-PCN, the European Nursing Forum and this Forum

It was suggested that annual meetings of the EU-PCN, European Nursing Forum, and the European Forum of Nursing and Midwifery Associations and WHO should be held consecutively. The Greek delegate at the meeting proposed that this series of events could take place in Delphi, Greece, in 1997.

5.1.4 Representation in the Forum

5.1.4.1 European specialist nursing groups

The interests of European specialist groups could be represented by their respective National Nursing Associations and channelled to the Forum. This would include Pan-European specialist group interests. Thus, the unified voice of nursing and midwifery would be secured and would avoid fragmentation caused by the specific interests of many different nursing categories.

5.1.4.2 Midwives

Midwifery representation in the Forum and Steering Committee must be ensured.

6. Election of a Steering Committee

The following participants of the Founding meeting were elected as Steering Committee members for the period leading up to the next plenary meeting of the Forum:

Ms Kerstin Belfrage (Midwife, Sweden)
Mr P.J. Madden (Ireland)
Dr Myriam Ovalle (Spain)
Ms Katalin Mucha (Hungary)
Ms Barbara Schwochert (Germany)
Mrs Laila Daavoey (Norway)

7. Conclusions

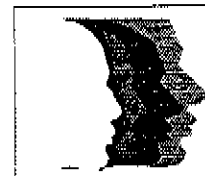
1. The nursing professions needs a strong united voice across Europe.
 - The EU-PCN aims to secure this unity within the European Union, and its constitution is now being revised to ensure further strengthening of its position.
 - The European Nursing Forum, established last year for all nurses in the European Region, allows both national nursing associations and specialist European groups for nursing to meet. The richness offered by specialist groups should not be underestimated.

- The European Forum of Nursing and Midwifery Associations with WHO will allow the nursing profession to become more involved in the work of WHO and to influence Governments on health issues of concern to nursing and midwifery.
2. Some 26 national nursing associations and the Regional Office signed a Declaration of Intent, endorsing their commitment to the aims of the Forum and to the election of a steering committee to draw up operating principles for consideration at the next plenary meeting of the Forum (Annex IV, Declaration of Intent).
 3. The newly established Steering Committee is charged to draw up operating principles to support the Forum. Outstanding issues related to midwifery representation and the role of European Specialist Nursing Groups in the Forum will also be discussed. The Committee will report back at the next plenary meeting of the Forum in Autumn 1997.



ANNEX I

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**FOUNDING MEETING
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**FOUNDING MEETING
(Madrid, 9 November 1996)**

PROGRAMME

Saturday, 9 November 1996

- 13.00hrs. **Opening Session**
- *Dr Miriam Ovalle, Board Member,
Spanish General Council of Nursing*
 - *Election of Chairperson*
- 13.10hrs. **Opening Remarks by Chairperson**
- 13.20hrs. **A New Era for Nursing in Europe**
(Dr J.E. Asvall, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe)
- 13.40hrs. **Nursing Associations Addressing International Collaboration**
(Mr Per Godtland Kristensen, Norwegian Nurses' Association)
- 14.00hrs. **Discussion on the aim, purpose, principles and implications
of the Forum (Chaired Plenary Session)**
- 14.30hrs. **Formal Establishment of the Forum**
- *Declaration of Intent (presentation and signing)*
 - *Election of a Steering Committee*
- 15.30hrs. **Closing session**
- *Next steps forward*
 - *Closure*

Coffee break: 15.00-15.30hrs.

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HEALTH INEQUITIES, EUROP. REGION

Infant mort. Maternal mort.

Iceland 5 3

Turkmenistan 43 43

THE VIENNA HFA NURSE VISION

1. Responsible for limited number of families
2. Integrated *health* care: lifestyle counselling, baby care, home nursing, family problem identifier, link to more specialized care
3. Working in *homes*, with *community*

**A FORUM OF NATIONAL NURSING
ASSOCIATIONS AND WHO**

Aim: support HFA development in Europe

**Annual Conference, Steering Committee,
Secretariat**

Task Forces

THE FUTURE

The indomitable spirit of nurses: Norway, NIS

Peoples' needs versus market greed

**Europe's needs for strong, competent,
courageous voices to defend people's health**

EXAMPLES OF PREVALENCE OF SMOKING (%) AMONG NURSES IN EUROPE

Bosnia and Herzegovina	58
Czech Republic	49
Finland	10
Italy	30
Netherlands	44
Poland	50
Slovak Republic	37
Turkey	51

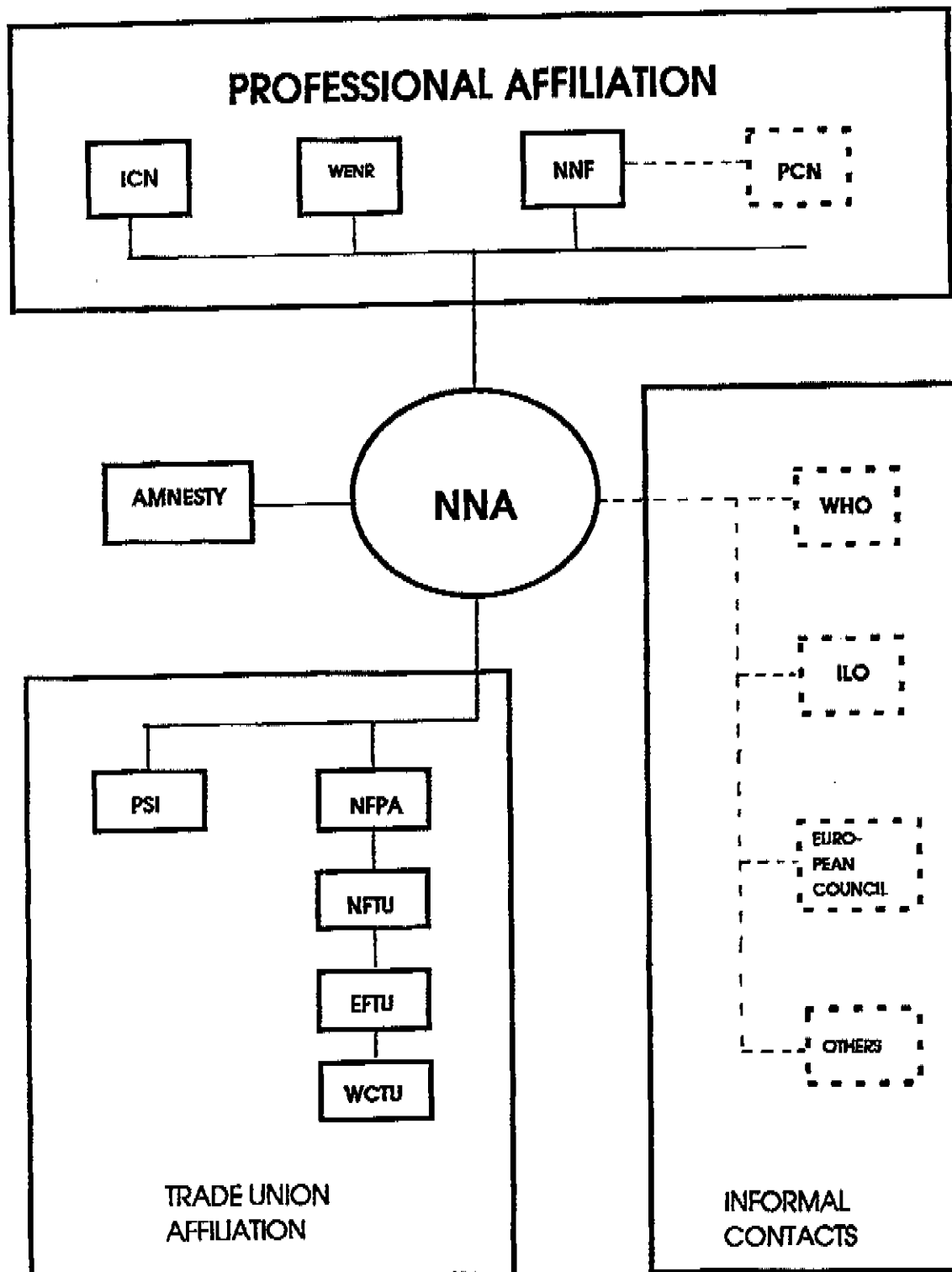
EURO'S NETWORKS WITH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 1. Forae: EFMA, EuroPharm, EFNA**
- 2. Other: Dentists, Physiotherapists**
- 3. Health problem networks: diabetes, stroke, infec. dis., mental health, etc.**

NNA IN AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE:

(NNA = NORWEGIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION)

ANNEX III (b)



PRESENT PROJECTS

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Nepal (Nursing Association of Nepal)**
- **Zambia (Zambia Nurses Association)**
- **Mocambique (Associacao Nacional dos Enfermeiros de Mocambique)**
- **Latvia (Latvia Nurses Association)**
- **Tanzania (Tanzania Registered Nurses Association)**

NURSING EDUCATION

- **Palestine (Midwifery program)**
- **Poland (Reform of basic nursing education)**

HEALTH RELATED

- **Nepal (Clinic for mother and child)**
- **Tanzania (Prevention of HIV/AIDS)**



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DECLARATION OF INTENT

Recognizing the value of dialogue between them and the potential strength of joint action to promote health and health care in Europe, the European Nursing and Midwifery Associations and the World Health Organization (WHO) agree to the establishment of the *European Forum of Nursing and Midwifery Associations and WHO*, in accordance with the terms set out below:

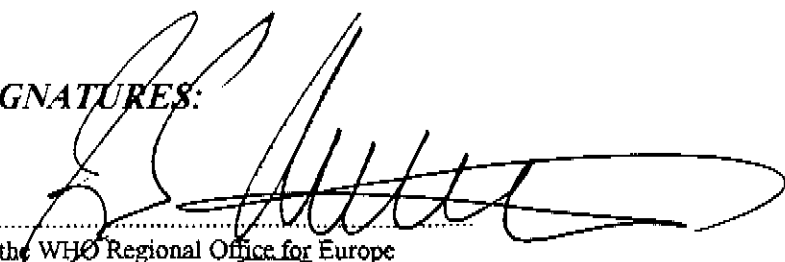
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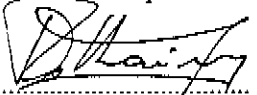
- (a) contribute to and inform the debate of improving health and the quality of health care in Europe;
- (b) promote the exchange of information, ideas and policies between nursing/midwifery associations and WHO;
- (c) support the integration of appropriate policies for health for all into nursing practice as well as into basic, postgraduate and continuing nursing and midwifery education; and
- (d) formulate consensus/policy statements and recommendations on health and nursing/midwifery related issues, developed on consensus.

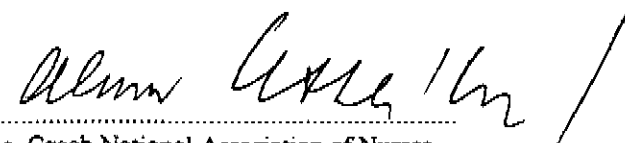
This meeting agrees to elect a steering committee to draw up operating principles which will be presented for consideration at the next plenary meeting.

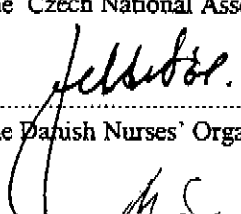
We the participants of the Founding Meeting of the European Forum of Nursing and Midwifery Associations and WHO pledge our commitment to the aims of the Forum and election of a steering committee , as specified above.

SIGNATURES:



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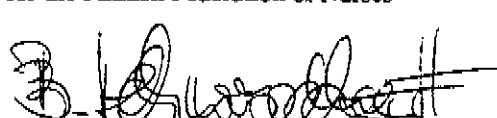

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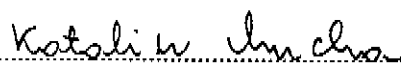

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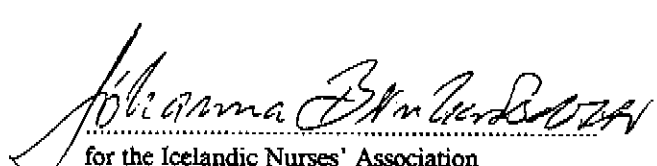

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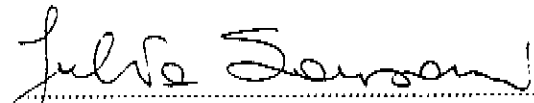

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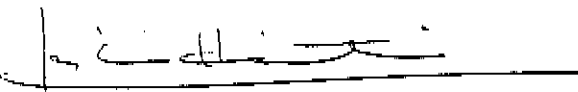

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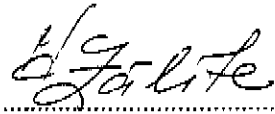

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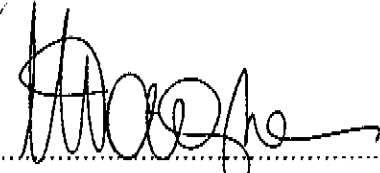

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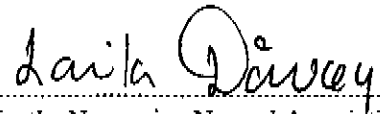

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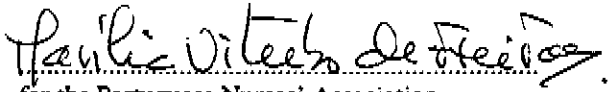

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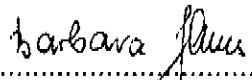

for the Latvian Nurses' Association


for the Association national des infirmieres Luxembourgeois


for the National Nurses' Association of the Netherlands


for the Norwegian Nurses' Association


for the Portuguese Nurses' Association


for the Polskie Towarzystwo

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for the Slovakian Nursing Chamber

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for the Nurses' Association of Slovenia

Moraño

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for the Spanish General Council of Nursing

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for the Swedish Association of Health Officers

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for the Swiss Nurses' Association

Magali G. Bertholet

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for the Royal College of Nursing (UK)

Christine Hancock

Valma Zydzintuvaitė

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Romanian Nursing Association