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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and has the honour to announce the Eighth WHO Global Forum for Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers (GCNMOs) and the Seventh Triad meeting organized jointly by WHO, the International Confederation of Midwives and the International Council of Nurses. The Triad meeting will be held on 16–19 May 2018, while the Global Forum for GCNMOs will be held on 17 May 2018. The venue for the meetings will be the Centre International de Conférences (CICG) in Geneva. The working language of the meetings will be English with interpretation in French and Spanish.

WHO's mission to support Member States in achieving universal health coverage is in accordance with its draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023. Achieving success will require the vital contribution of nurses and midwives. The Global Forum for Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers is organized by the Universal Health Coverage and Health Systems Cluster in collaboration with the recently appointed Chief Nursing Officer of WHO. The event will build on and extend the political momentum created by the *Nursing Now!* campaign, which aims to raise the value of nursing and strengthen nurses to help achieve universal health coverage globally.

WHO invites ministers of health to approve the participation of their Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer to attend the meetings. Member States are also encouraged to include GCNMOs in their official delegation to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly. Member States will be responsible for travel and accommodation costs of the participation of their representative. More details of the meeting and the provisional agenda can be found at this link <http://www.who.int/hrh/news/2018/Upcoming-nursing-and-midwifery-meetings-May2018/en/>.

It would be appreciated to receive the name and contact information of the nominated representative to Mr James Campbell, Director, Health Workforce Department (campbellj@who.int) by 30 April 2018.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of its highest consideration.

GENEVA, 10 April 2018