

## **2020: International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife**

### **Report by the Director-General**

1. The Executive Board at its 144th session in January 2019, considered the subject of human resources for health.<sup>1</sup> During discussions, the Board drew attention to the vital role and contributions of nurses and midwives in achieving universal health coverage. Noting that 2020 was the 200th anniversary of the birth of one of the founders of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, the Board recommended to the Health Assembly to designate 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.

#### **ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

2. The Health Assembly is invited to adopt the following draft decision:

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly, having considered document A72/54 Rev.1, decided to designate 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.

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<sup>1</sup> See documents EB144/25 and EB144/26 and the summary records of the Executive Board at its 144th session, twelfth meeting, section 2.