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On Outsourcing Employment Contracts

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Thirty members of the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN), meeting in Warsaw-Poland, for their bi-annual meeting, expressed their concerns on the privatisation of the healthcare services, especially regarding civil-law contracts signed between nurses and institutions providing the healthcare services.

Therefore, the EFN urges all EU stakeholders providing health services:

- To value Employment Contracts, and in case Civil-Law contract apply, all details and conditions, mainly in relation to social security coverage, to be transparently explained;
- To monitor the working-time of nurses with Civil-Law contract and evaluate the impact on quality and safety;

Although the EFN accepts the Single Market Act 'entrepreneurship' approach, its concerns relate to the on-going health budget cuts, staff lay-offs, closure of units, hospitals and other healthcare facilities, employing cheaper nurses and reducing social protection schemes. As such, entrepreneurship equals unsafe services and unsafe patient care.

THEREFORE, THE EFN CALLS on the Heads of State and Finance Ministers:

- TO INVEST AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES;
- TO BUILD the WORKFORCE FOR HEALTH.

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