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to the Commission

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Subject: Ensuring availability of qualified nurses in a large-scale emergency

In recent years, the EU and its Member States have been forced to direct attention to the gaps in the societal resilience of the Member States and in European-level coordination in the face of crises. The Commission recently presented a strategy on the EU Preparedness Union, which highlights the need to safeguard vital societal functions. Such functions include the healthcare sector, as also recognised in the Critical Entities Resilience Directive. However, in parallel, it is widely acknowledged that the EU is suffering a chronic shortage of qualified nurses.

We are concerned about how the Member States can ensure the availability of qualified, specialised nurses in a large-scale emergency. We therefore wish to ask the Commission:

1. What action has the Commission taken to ensure rapid deployment and cross-border mobility of qualified nurses in an emergency?
2. In an emergency, there might be a high demand for specialised nurses with relevant qualifications and/or work experience. Is it possible to obtain the information of individuals with such qualifications from the Member States' national nursing registers and, if necessary, to mobilise nurses with relevant expertise on a voluntary basis?

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