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The International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science is a federation of National Organizations of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists (BLS). Presently, we represent 37 associations in 33 countries with more than 185,000 members. Our members are the scientists who perform, interpret and report results of routine and specialized laboratory procedures.

IFBLS acknowledges the progress made in the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030 and resolutions on health workforce strengthening and wishes to encourage the Executive Board to use the progress achieved with nursing and midwifery to keep sight of the importance of recognising all regulated professionals. In this context we wish to highlight the need to document and recognise healthcare professionals such as biomedical laboratory scientists, medical engineers, radiographers, medical physics correctly with other regulated health professionals that have a similar level of qualification that underpin professional specific expertise.

IFBLS is aware that at the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians a review of the ISCO.08 standards was highlighted and, albeit with resources being a major challenge, there are proposals to establish a technical working group to complete this work in time for the 2030 censuses. However, there remains the potential to overlook the essential contribution made by all professional health workers and regulated professionals and in this context we wish to highlight the expertise that biomedical laboratory scientists bring to healthcare provision and global developments in knowledge, scientific technology and research.

Respectfully submitted

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