



Council

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Title of Paper:	Report Back from the International Committee
Appendices:	None
Presented by:	Jane Clarke, Director of Governance Support
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1. The International Committee met on 19 January 2015.
2. We welcomed two new members to the Committee at this meeting – Professor Kevin Davies and Geoff Earl (who formally takes up his appointment on 1 July).

Follow Up from the Fellows Meeting on 10 November and the International Reference Group (IRG) Meeting on 17 November 2014

3. Our morning was spent discussing the feedback received from Fellows and members who attended the IRG meeting on the RCN's future international priorities. We were pleased that both meetings had been extremely positive and that there was a lot of support for the work the RCN was doing internationally.
4. We spent some time reviewing the Committee work plan in light of those discussions and agreed a number of changes.
5. We also had a lengthy discussion on the role of the RCN should there be an EU referendum.

RCN Position on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

6. We received an update on TTIP activity since the launch of the RCN position statement on 22 October 2014 and noted the arrangements being made to organise a seminar on 27 March to inform members about TTIP and the activity being led by the RCN.

Zambia Union of Nurses Organisation (ZUNO)

7. The Committee was also updated on the ZUNO project including progress on the funding agreement with the Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET) and discussed the role of Lifebox as a third party in the project.

EU/ International Recruitment and Mobility

8. We agreed future action as part of the Committee's work programme on EU and international recruitment.
9. The implications of the changes to the immigration rules are also high on our agenda. These were amended in 2012 and now state that any nurse who entered the UK after 6 April 2011 would need to earn £35,000 to apply for indefinite leave to remain unless the applicant fell within the shortage occupation list. Many people continue to be unaware of the significance of these changes for nursing.

Congress 2015

10. We noted arrangements for Congress 2015 and discussed ideas for a Committee fringe event.

Updates to the Committee

11. The Committee also discussed a presentation on the World Health Organisation (WHO) global reform agenda and the work of European Forum of National Nursing and Midwifery Associations (EFNNMA) within the WHO European region.
12. We were also briefed on the RCN contribution to the management of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and received an update on the EU Joint Action on Workforce Planning and the wider EU Health Workforce Action Plan.

The Committee next meets on 21 May 2015.