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Date of meeting:	28 April 2016
Title of Paper:	Report back from International Committee
Appendices:	None
Presented by:	
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1. The Committee met on 19th January 2016

Work Programme

2. The committee received an update on the work plan for the year ahead. The committee noted that a large piece of work would be taking place on the EU referendum.

International Alliances and Relationships

3. The committee received an update on RCN's international alliances and relationships in particular the recent EFN and CNMF meetings.

Sustainable Development Goals

4. The committee received a paper on the Sustainable Development Goals and the targets and goals that had been agreed. It was noted that there were ongoing discussions about local metrics.
5. The committee heard that the APPG on Global Health was keen to explore the role of nursing and nurses in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and provided feedback on the areas that they wished to be included in the consultation response to the APPG. These included mass migration, post-industrial decline and its impact on health, the need for investment in public health and the use of data to improve health outcomes.

The Future of RCN's International Work

6. The committee received a presentation on RCN's International Work, focusing on the collaboration as part of the RCN/ZUNO project.
7. The key learning was the importance of local intelligence and the need to support organisations when they needed help. It was also agreed that it was important for the RCN to learn from its partners and this should be taken into account when considering whether to pursue a partnership.
8. The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that its international project work is broadened to include a portfolio of projects which would contribute to the RCN's international purpose and focus on where the RCN could add value. The projects would be funded by a combination of internally ring-fenced and external funds, with all projects taking into account in-depth organisational needs assessments
9. The Committee noted that this recommendation did not require any changes to the RCN's international purpose, but would have financial and human resource implications. These would be presented to the Committee as part of the detailed proposals.
10. How the organisation should support individuals who wished to undertake international projects was also discussed. It was clarified that this work had focused on the RCN working with other organisations, not on individual volunteering. This was a separate RCN work-stream. It was suggested that the RCN might collate a database on international development projects taking place with UK partners. It was explained that a number of such initiatives already existed, including THET.

TTIP

11. The committee received an update on TTIP and the external factors which could influence the debate.
12. The committee noted that there continued to be a lot of member interest in this issue and members were organising events including a seminar that RCN Wales were hosting and work in Scotland on removing ISDS from the agreement.

International models of interests to the RCN

13. The committee received a presentation on two models of nursing that could be of interest to the RCN; the Burtzoorg model and the Magnet model from the Netherlands and United States.