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The International Commission on Occupational Health welcomes the inclusion of safe work and occupational health and safety in the Working for Health Action Plan and the Global Health and Care Worker Compact. Safe work for health and care workers requires policies, regulations and services for occupational health and safety in all health and care facilities and placing worker safety in the centre of quality and safe healthcare. While progress was made on Infection Prevention and Control programmes, we are concerned that too few facilities have occupational health and safety programmes for comprehensive prevention and care for work-related diseases and injuries and surveillance of workers' physical and mental health and wellbeing. In some countries, health and care services are excluded from occupational safety and health regulations, employment injury schemes and social health protection and this is unacceptable. We stand ready to support the implementation of the action plan and the global compact.