1. **PURPOSE**
   Subject to the letters patent and the regulatory autonomy of each Council Member, the purpose of the Council is to:
   - promote excellence in professional nursing regulation, and
   - serve as a national forum and voice regarding interprovincial/territorial, national and global regulatory matters for nursing regulation.

2. **OBJECTS**
   Subject to the letters patent and the regulatory autonomy of each Class A Member, the objects of the Council are to:
   - create and maintain an effective forum for the exchange of information regarding regulatory trends, best practices, policy and legislation in respect of nursing;
   - monitor interprovincial/territorial, national and global trends and issues related to nursing regulation;
   - develop and promote national perspectives on nursing regulation;
   - advise on and promote best regulatory practices and harmonized approaches to nursing regulation;
   - undertake projects of shared interest to Members, alone or in collaboration with other national and/or global organizations;
   - establish external liaisons and partnerships that position the Council to address professional nursing regulatory matters; and
   - promote understanding of the purpose of nursing regulation.

3. **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**
   Subject to the letters patent and the regulatory autonomy of each Class A Member, the guiding principles of the Council are that:
   - the public interest will be the foundation for all Council activities;
   - the regulatory autonomy of each Member will be recognized and respected;
   - while formal decision making will be by majority vote, the Council, the Board and any committee thereof will, at all times, seek consensus;
   - the Council will speak with a harmonized voice while respecting the diversity among its Members; and
   - projects of the Council will be financed by participating Members and/or external sources.