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Dear Honourable Minister of Health,

We are writing on behalf of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) to thank your government for co-sponsoring your support for the recent World Health Assembly Resolution on Global Actions on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders and for your recognition that addressing epilepsy should be considered an urgent **public health imperative**.

As you are aware, the Resolution was co-sponsored by 40 Member States and was unanimously adopted by the 73rd World Health Assembly during the November 2020 session. This unprecedented level of global support to improve prevention, care and treatment for epilepsy through the development of a 10-year Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders marks a historical advancement in the attention and priority given to epilepsy and the needs of individuals and communities affected by it.

ILAE is looking forward to working closely with the WHO and its Member States to develop the Intersectoral Global Action Plan, drawing on the collective expertise of the 26,000 health professionals from 133 countries who are members of ILAE.

We do hope that your government will continue to support this important area of work and will be involved in the development – and future implementation - of the Intersectoral Global Action Plan. Our colleagues in the Danish Chapter, Dr. Jakob Christensen and Dr. Noémi Andersen Becser would be willing to serve as a national resource and provide their specialist knowledge and professional expertise in this endeavor.

Once again ILAE would like to thank you for your outstanding support to this landmark Resolution and for your commitment to improving the well-being of individuals and communities affected by epilepsy in your country and beyond.

Yours faithfully,

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