



**International Bureau for Epilepsy [IBE]
Statement to EB150/1 on agenda item 7: (g)**

Draft intersectoral global action plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders (GAP) in support of UHC.

International Bureau for Epilepsy represents 50 million people with epilepsy, with chapters in over 100 countries. We support this plan and endorse *Strategic Objective 5, to strengthen the public health approach to epilepsy* – closing the unacceptable treatment gap and protecting the human rights, social, economic and educational needs of our stigmatized community.

Epilepsy is a treatable condition: 70% of people with epilepsy could be seizure-free with access to primary health care and appropriate medications – some costing as little as \$5 per person annually.

25% of epilepsy cases are preventable and premature death in epilepsy is avoidable.

A well-functioning epilepsy care service can present a cost-effective opportunity for strengthening the management of care for epilepsy and other neurological diseases.

Investment in epilepsy can yield a high return within a decade; building on current infrastructure, scaling-up existing interventions and engaging our empowered community.