



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA  
150<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE WHO'S EXECUTIVE BOARD  
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**Title :** Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

**Draft inter-sectoral global action plan on epilepsy and other neurological disorders in support of universal health coverage.**

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

1. Malaysia agrees to the Inter-sectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders in support of universal health coverage. Malaysia has priority neurological diseases listed according to its prevalence and burden of disease and epilepsy comes second in Malaysia after Stroke.
2. Understanding the importance of this issue, and taking Epilepsy as a national agenda, Malaysia has taken the steps to include Epilepsy screening as part of the National Health and Morbidity Survey 2019.

This nationwide screening found that 1.7% of the population had probable Epilepsy. A further second-stage diagnostic stage was that taken to determine Epilepsy and differentiate it from other seizures by a team of Neurologist, which found the prevalence of Epilepsy to be 7.8 over 1000 people in Malaysia.

3. Malaysia would like to propose to replace the term 'neurological disorders' with 'epilepsy and other neurological disorders' in each of the 10 targets. We wish to highlight that for our burden of diseases study nationwide, epilepsy is one of the diseases included in the list of disease and reported in Disability-adjusted life years (DALYs).
4. Prevalence and burden of epilepsy is important to determine the treatment gap of epilepsy in order to guide adequate and appropriate allocation of resources and to reduce this gap effectively, and ensure no one is left behind and not marginalize a population in need of healthcare treatment.
5. It is our fervent hope that people with epilepsy globally would witness changes for the better.

Thank you Chair.