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Dear Dr. Osawa,

On behalf of the International League against Epilepsy (ILAE) and the entire epilepsy community worldwide, I am writing to express my deep gratitude for the great work done by the JES in supporting the WHO Resolution on the Global Burden of Epilepsy.

The support from Japanese government representatives has been crucial to secure approval of the Resolution by the WHO Executive Board and by the World Health Assembly, and I am aware that this successful outcome was made possible by the impressive advocacy effort done by JES Members and particularly by you, Dr. Osawa, in conducting skillful negotiations with key officials at the Japan Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

The Resolution represents an important step in mobilizing national governments worldwide towards stepping up concrete actions against epilepsy, improving epilepsy care and supporting epilepsy research.

Please extend to all Members of the JES Board and to all JES Members at large my deep appreciation.

With all best wishes and kindest personal regards

Emilio Perucca
President, ILAE

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