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To the ILAE-EMR elections director,

I am writing to express my interest in contributing to the development and advancement of epilepsy care, education, and research in the Eastern Mediterranean Region through a leadership role within the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).

I am currently serving as Professor of Neurology at the Faculty of Medicine in Fez, and Head of both the Epilepsy Unit and the Outpatient Centre at Hassan II University Hospital. With over ten years of experience dedicated to epilepsy care, research, and advocacy, I have acquired a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that define our region.

As General Secretary of the Moroccan Chapter of the ILAE, I have been actively involved in local and regional initiatives. I also serve as President of the Moroccan Society of Clinical Neurophysiology, where I have organized the 9th National Congress of Neurophysiology and developed online training programs in EEG and epilepsy. These programs have reached clinicians across the region and outside, and we are now expanding into EMG and neuromuscular disease training. I also coordinated the first national study on the prevalence of epilepsy, with results published in *Epilepsia Open*.

If elected to serve the EMR, my priorities will include capacity building, improving access to epilepsy care in low- and middle-income countries, and fostering regional and international collaboration in research and education. I also aim to strengthen ties between epilepsy and related disciplines such as neurophysiology, sleep medicine, and broader neurosciences. Organizing educational meetings and workshops—especially within Morocco—will be a key component of this mission.

I believe I bring not only experience and vision but also a collaborative spirit. I am committed to sharing knowledge, building networks, and working collectively to improve the lives of people with epilepsy throughout our region.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to contribute to the ongoing efforts of the ILAE and the EMR in this important mission.

Sincerely,

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