

## International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

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#### Meeting:

#### 152nd EB Individual Statements

#### Agenda Item:

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**- Draft updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (EB152/6)**

#### Statement:

IAPB an alliance for global eye health, representing over 175 organisations worldwide welcomes the WHO's Updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

2.2 billion people, including 450 million children, are living with vision loss, and at least 1 billion of those people do not have access to services they need.

Noncommunicable eye conditions, such as Diabetic Retinopathy, glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration, and complications of high myopia impact increasing populations while posing significant challenge to health systems. A 50% increase in people requiring routine retinal examination for DR is estimated by 2040, which currently affects above 3.8 million.

We encourage the adoption of the set of policy options with specific commitments to implement Interventions for diabetic retinopathy and integrating eye care services to ensure timely access for everyone everywhere.