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The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) has the honour to request the cooperation of the competent authorities of your Government in the following matter.

The Board would like to inform all Governments that in acute emergencies, such as the present emergency situation in Vanuatu, it is possible to apply simplified control procedures for the export, transportation and provision of controlled medicines. Under the present circumstances, competent authorities may, therefore, allow the exports of controlled medicines to Vanuatu containing narcotic drugs and/or psychotropic substances even in the absence of the corresponding import authorizations and/or estimates. Emergency deliveries need not be included in the estimates of the receiving country.

Competent authorities may find further information on this subject in the Guidelines for the international provision of controlled medicines for emergency medical care which were developed by WHO in cooperation with INCB. These Guidelines are available on the INCB website:

http://www.incb.org/documents/Narcotic-Drugs/Guidelines/medical_care/Guidelines_emergency_Medical_care_WHO_PSA.pdf .

Competent authorities are invited to contact the Board, in case any assistance is required to facilitate the supply of controlled medicines to Vanuatu.

The Board trusts that this matter will receive the prompt attention of your Government.

Vienna, 16 March 2015

