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## QUESTIONNAIRE

### **Implementation by Governments of INCB's recommendations published in its annual reports 2005-2007**

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**A. Prevention of diversion of controlled substances**

1. Is there a system in place in your country to collect on a regular basis information on the extent of the diversion of pharmaceutical preparations containing controlled substances?

Yes  No

If no, what are the measures taken to prevent the diversion of such preparations?

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Have there been any cases identified in your country of diversion of controlled substances in large single dosage, such as controlled-release preparations?

Yes  No

If yes, has any action been taken against such diversion and abuse? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Have there been any cases identified in your country of diversion of opioids, such as methadone and buprenorphine, when prescribed for substitution treatment?

Yes  No

If yes, which of the following measures have been taken by your Government to prevent their diversion? Please tick what is applicable:

- Supervised consumption  
 Short dispensing intervals  
 Central registration of prescribed opioids for medical use  
 Others (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have there been any cases identified in your country of diversion of flunitrazepam and of pharmaceutical preparations containing this substance such as Rohypnol tablets?

Yes  No

If yes, has any action been taken against such diversion and abuse? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

5. Has your Government put in place a system to assess annual requirements for psychotropic substances and to ensure that imports are not exceeding those assessments?

Yes  No

If no, what other mechanisms are available to ensure that their assessments are in line with actual legitimate requirements and that no imports exceeding the assessments are authorized.

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Prior to approving the export of substances in Schedules III and IV of the 1971 Convention, does your Government confirm with the Governments of importing countries the legitimacy of some of such orders?

Yes  No  NA

a. If no, please explain how you ensure the legitimacy of the order: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. If no, does your Government intend to confirm with the Governments of the importing countries the legitimacy of the orders in the near future?

Yes  No

7. In preventing the diversion of precursors required for the illicit manufacture of amphetamine-type stimulants, please indicate if your Government has adopted the following measures.

a. Are pharmaceutical preparations containing ephedrine and/or pseudoephedrine controlled in the same way as your country controls ephedrine and pseudoephedrine?

Yes  No

If yes, give a short description of control measures: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. Does your Government export pharmaceutical preparations containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine?

Yes  No

If yes, does your Government provide pre-export notifications for exports of pharmaceutical preparations containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine?

Yes  No

c. Has your Government taken any measures to regulate the availability of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine for medical purposes by improving the monitoring and control of domestic distribution channels?

Yes  No

If yes, describe the measures taken: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Please indicate which of the following measures have been taken by your Government to prevent diversion of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine. Please tick what is applicable:

- Introduction or strengthening of control measures for the manufacture of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine
- Requirement of the confirmation of the legitimacy of shipments of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine to any country before approving such shipments
- Requirement of the confirmation of the legitimacy of shipments of preparations containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine to any country before approving such shipments
- Calculation of licit annual requirements of raw ephedrine and pseudoephedrine
- Calculation of licit annual requirements of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine, in the form of pharmaceutical preparations
- Others (please specify what kind of control): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. In preventing the diversion of precursor chemicals from domestic distribution channels, please indicate which of the following measures have been taken or strengthened by your Government since 2005. Please tick what is applicable:

- Introduction or strengthening of control measures for the manufacture and distribution channels within national territory
- Participation in international initiatives such as Project Prism
- Voluntary cooperation with chemical and pharmaceutical industry
- Others (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

10. Does your Government have any cooperation with the International Medical Products Anti-Counterfeiting Taskforce (IMPACT), established by WHO, in the fight against the counterfeiting of medicines, including medicines containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances?

Yes  No

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Have your competent national authorities made full use of the “Guidelines for the development of measures to combat counterfeit drugs”<sup>1</sup> prepared by WHO in 1999, in order to assist Governments in their efforts to prevent their national drug distribution channels from being infiltrated by counterfeit drugs?

Yes  No

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. What is your Government’s overall assessment of the situation with regard to diversion of controlled substances in your country? Please tick the following boxes, as appropriate.

Diversion of narcotic drugs is

Not a problem  A minor problem  A major problem  A rising problem

Diversion of psychotropic substances is

Not a problem  A minor problem  A major problem  A rising problem

Diversion of precursors is

Not a problem  A minor problem  A major problem  A rising problem

Please specify the major challenges / difficulties encountered by your Government in box below:

## **B. Illicit cultivation and drug trafficking**

13. Have there been any cases identified in your country of illicit cultivation of cannabis over the past five years?

Yes  No

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<sup>1</sup> WHO/EDM/QSM/99.1.



On seizures:

Yes  No

If no, what are the measures planned to improve the situation? Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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19. Have there been any cases identified in your country of trafficking and abuse of GHB, a sedative-hypnotic added to Schedule IV of the 1971 Convention in 2001, over the past five years?

Identified cases of trafficking:

Yes  No

Identified cases of abuse:

Yes  No

If yes, has any action been taken against such trafficking and abuse? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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20. Have there been any cases identified in your country of diversion of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine destined for the illicit manufacture of methamphetamine over the past five years?

Diversion of raw ephedrine or pseudoephedrine?

Yes  No

If yes, describe the case(s) and action taken. \_\_\_\_\_

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Diversion of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine in the form of preparations?

Yes  No

If yes, describe the case(s) and action taken. \_\_\_\_\_

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21. Have there been any cases identified in your country of diversion of precursor chemicals in particular acetic anhydride, which is used for the illicit manufacture of heroin, over the past five years?

Yes  No

If yes, describe the case(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What measures have been taken by your Government to prevent the smuggling of acetic anhydride into Afghanistan? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Prevention of drug abuse**

22. Has your Government noticed an increase in the abuse of cocaine in your country over the past five years?

Yes  No

If yes, have there been any measures taken in your country against increasing abuse of cocaine, particularly in places where, traditionally, abuse of cocaine has not been a problem?

Yes  No

If yes, please indicate what measures have been taken. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

23. Have there been any cases identified in your country of abuse of diverted pharmaceutical preparations containing fentanyl, including used and discarded fentanyl patches, over the past five years?

Yes  No

If yes, what action has been taken? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

24. Please indicate which of the following measures have been taken by your Government to prevent diversion of fentanyl patches and abuse of discarded patches and/or pharmaceutical preparations containing fentanyl. Please tick what is applicable:

- Cooperation with pharmaceutical industry to control residue of fentanyl
- Monitoring of manufacture of fentanyl patches
- Control of disposal of fentanyl patches
- Others (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

25. Have there been any cases identified in your country of abuse of pharmaceuticals containing psychotropic substances, particularly amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) and benzodiazepines, over the past five years?

Containing ATS:

- Yes
- No

Containing benzodiazepines:

- Yes
- No

If yes, has any action been taken against such abuse? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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26. Have there been any measures taken in your country to monitor consumption levels of prescription drugs containing psychotropic substances?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please indicate what measures have been taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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27. Are increasing trafficking in and/or abuse of GHB a problem in your country?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what action has been taken? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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28. Have there been any cases identified in your country of abuse of and trafficking in piperazine-derived compounds over the past five years?

- Yes
- No

If yes, has that information been communicated to the Board and WHO?

- Yes  No

29. Is there a system in place in your country to collect on a regular basis information on drug abuse in order to assess drug abuse trends?

- Yes  No

If yes, do such drug abuse trends form the basis of drug reduction programmes in your country?

- Yes  No

If no, how are drug abuse trends compiled in your country? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. Is availability and use of counterfeit medicines a problem in your country?

- Yes  No

If yes, please indicate which of the following measures have been taken by your Government to strengthen mechanisms for monitoring and control of the inappropriate use of drugs. Please tick what is applicable:

- Monitor availability of controlled substances on unregulated markets  
 Control of licensing, record-keeping, inspections and sanctions  
 Others (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

31. Are there any so-called “drug consumption rooms” or “drug injection rooms” in operation in your country?

- Yes  No

If yes, please indicate how many and what action has been taken to close down such facilities? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**D. Availability and rational use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical purposes**

32. Is there a system in place in your country to promote the rational use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical treatment including the use of opioids for the treatment of pain?

Yes  No

If yes, please indicate which of the following measures have been taken by your Government to promote the rational use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical purposes. Please tick what is applicable:

- Implement pertinent recommendations of WHO  
 Include the topic in the curricula of the relevant faculties of health-care professions  
 Others (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

33. Are there any restrictions on travellers under medical treatment carrying preparations containing internationally controlled substances in effect in your country?

Yes  No

If yes, has that information been communicated to the Board?

Yes  No

Please refer to the *International guidelines for national regulations concerning travellers under treatment with internationally controlled drugs* available on INCB's webpage at: [http://www.incb.org/incb/guidelines\\_travellers.html](http://www.incb.org/incb/guidelines_travellers.html)

**E. Internet pharmacies and misuse of courier services**

34. Is sale and delivery of controlled substances and/or medicines containing these substances by mail and private courier services a problem in your country?

Yes  No

If yes, please indicate which of the following measures have been taken by your Government against smuggling of drugs by mail and private courier services. Please tick what is applicable:

- Adequate legislation controlling mail and private couriers in place  
 Regular and thorough searches of the mail for illicit drug consignments take place  
 Cooperative agreements between various national authorities responsible for the processing and screening of international mail  
 Limit the number of entry points for parcels  
 Provision of adequate training for staff

- Provision of required technical aids for drug identification
- Development of intelligence centres by the law enforcement services
- Others (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

35. Is there a system in place in your country to collect on a regular basis information on the activities undertaken by your Government against smuggling of drugs by mail and private couriers?

- Yes  No

If yes, has that information been communicated to the Board?

- Yes  No

36. Is sale of pharmaceutical preparations containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances through illegally operating Internet pharmacies a problem in your country?

- Yes  No

If no, please indicate which of the following measures have been taken by your Government. Please tick what is applicable:

- Adopted legislation to control Internet pharmacies
- Control and regulate sale transactions through internet pharmacies
- Close down illegally operating Internet pharmacies
- Issue guidelines on prescription practices of Internet pharmacies
- Raise awareness of the health risks involved with purchases from Internet pharmacies
- Identify national focal points for all activities related to Internet pharmacies
- Others (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

37. Is there a system in place in your country to collect on a regular basis information on the activities undertaken by your Government to counteract illegal sales of pharmaceutical preparations containing controlled substances?

- Yes  No

**Please attach to this questionnaire any additional relevant information that your Government wishes to share with the Board.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION**