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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 situation arising from the recent natural disasters in Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico, 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 export of controlled medicines containing narcotic drugs and/or psychotropic substances to affected countries even in the absence of the corresponding import authorizations and/or estimates. Urgent deliveries need not be included in the estimates of the receiving country.

Further information on this subject is available in the *Guidelines for the International Provision of Controlled Medicines for Emergency Medical Care* developed by the World Health Organization (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 Mexico or the Caribbean.

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

Vienna, 20 September 2017

