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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.

As massive floods continue to impact Pakistan, more than 33 million people have been affected across the country. National authorities and humanitarian partners are providing aid across the most affected areas but action is also required to ensure shipments of medications, including medicines containing internationally controlled narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances reach patients in these areas.

INCB reminds all Governments that in acute emergencies, such as the one experienced in Pakistan, it is possible to utilize simplified control procedures for the export, transportation, and provision of medicinal products containing controlled substances. Competent national authorities may permit the export of medicines containing narcotic drugs and/or psychotropic substances to the areas in the absence of the corresponding import authorizations and/or estimates. Urgent deliveries do not need to be included in the estimates of the receiving country.

Competent national authorities may find further information on the subject in the [Guidelines for the International Provision of Controlled Medicines for Emergency Medical Care](#), and [Lessons from countries and humanitarian aid organizations in facilitating the Timely Supply of Controlled Substances during Emergency Situations](#).

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

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

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