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

Hurricane Daniel brought massive flooding to Libya on Sunday 10 September 2023. More than 3,000 people have died and 10,000 are believed missing. The acute humanitarian needs of the affected communities as a result of these devastating floods may require urgent action to ensure shipments of medications, including medicines containing internationally controlled narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances reach those in need.

INCB reminds all Governments that in acute emergencies, such as the one experienced in Libya, 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 Libya.

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

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