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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 International Narcotics Control Board is deeply saddened by the loss of life and extensive destruction caused by the earthquakes that struck Myanmar and Thailand since last Friday. The Board and its secretariat extend their deepest condolences to the people of Myanmar and Thailand at this difficult time.

The dire humanitarian needs of the communities in the affected regions require urgent action to ensure that 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 Myanmar and Thailand, 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 Myanmar and Thailand.

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

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