



Highlights from the INCB website

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- Three quarters of the world has limited or no access to pain relief medications
- INCB warns against weakening the international drug control legal framework
- INCB congratulates Afghanistan on its accession to the 1972 Protocol amending the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs



INCB facilitates provision of medicines for disaster relief in Nepal



Recent devastating earthquake that struck Nepal has resulted in an emergency situation requiring urgent shipments of medications, including medicines containing internationally controlled narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

The INCB would like to remind all Governments that in acute emergencies, it is possible to apply simplified control procedures for the export, transportation and provision of medicinal products containing controlled substances. In such situations, national competent authorities may permit the export of medicines containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances to Nepal even in the absence of the corresponding import authorizations and/or estimates. Emergency deliveries need not be included in the estimates of the receiving country.

Competent national authorities may find further information on this subject in the "Guidelines for the international provision of controlled medicines for emergency medical care" developed by WHO in cooperation with INCB.

Competent national authorities are invited to contact INCB should they require additional information or assistance in facilitating the supply of controlled substances to Nepal. [Read more.](#)

Past events:

Sixth Expert Group Meeting on the International Electronic Import and Export Authorization System (I2ES) for Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 27-28 January 2015

112th session of INCB, Vienna, 2-6 February 2015

Mission to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, 16-21 February 2015

Mission to the Republic of Honduras, 23-27 February 2015

Launch of INCB Annual Report 2014 and Precursors Report 2014, 3 March 2015

Worldwide launch of I2ES, 10 March 2015

Launch of INCB Technical Publications on Narcotic Drugs and on Psychotropic Substances, 13 March 2015

Mission to the Republic of Ghana, 15-17 April 2015

International Conference on Precursor Chemicals and New Psychoactive Substances, Bangkok, 21-24 April 2015
(Outcome document)

Introducing the five new members of the Board

On 4 May 2015, five new Members of the International Narcotics Control Board will take office and will participate in the Board's 113th session. The new Board members, as elected by the Economic and Social Council, are:

- Wei Hao (China)
- Bernard Leroy (France)
- Richard Mattick (Australia)
- Jagjit Pavadia (India)
- Jallal Toufiq (Morocco)

Mr. Hao and Mr. Mattick were elected by the Council from a list of individuals nominated by the World Health Organization (WHO) while the other incoming Board members were elected from a list of candidates nominated by Governments. Members of the Board serve in a personal capacity, not as Government representatives. The curricula vitae of the new members are available on the INCB website (www.incb.org).

The Economic and Social Council also re-elected Viroj Sumyai (Thailand) and Francisco Thoumi (Colombia) for additional five-year terms expiring in May 2020.



The INCB President, Dr. Lochan Naidoo, addresses the special segment of the CND.

INCB Statements at the 58th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)

- President Naidoo's address before the special segment of the 58th Session of the CND
- President Naidoo's presentation of the INCB Annual Reports at the 58th Session of CND

Launch of INCB Reports 2014

- Message from the President
- INCB Annual Report 2014
- INCB Precursors Report 2014
- INCB Technical Publication on Narcotic Drugs 2014
- INCB Technical Publication on Psychotropic Substances 2014

Upcoming events:

113th Session of INCB,
Vienna, 4-15 May 2015

ECOSOC, Co-ordination and
Management Meeting,
New York, 20-22 July 2015

Recent UNODC publications on drugs:

Afghanistan Opium Survey
2014 – Socio-economic
analysis

Useful links:

[United Nations](#)

[United Nations Office on
Drugs and Crime](#)

[Commission on Narcotic
Drugs](#)

[United Nations Economic and
Social Council](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

[World Customs Organization](#)

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