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## Contribution INCB - 143th INCB meeting

As you will see just below we initially sent INCB this sign on letter, from 181 organizations, back in 2021. We appreciate the INCB pulling back on the initiatives we spotlighted in our letter; however we have seen no measurable effort to address the transparency issues we highlighted.

Our organizations strive for **global health, human rights, and sustainability**. We recognize INCB's importance in helping governments **ensure access to and availability of controlled medicines for all patients in need** but INCB alone can not shape the economic, social, environmental, and cultural future of our communities.

We are advocating for the regulations of cultivation, trade, production, and use of a traditional, herbal medicine and a plant indigenous to many regions of the world.

On [2 December 2021](#), one year after the **historic UN cannabis vote** serious concerns have been raised about how cannabis policy resulting from this landmark down-grading of international cannabis prohibition is unfolding..

181 non-profit organizations from all over the globe have endorsed two letters, one addressed to the INCB President and the other sent to inform UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, about the situation.

These letters spell out how we as civil society stakeholders want to help the INCB meet the challenges of our world. This is why we have compiled proposals inspired by successful working methods of the broader UN family. Our suggestions are summed up in six recommendations:

We are

1. Disclose INCB documentation like other similar UN bodies;
2. Opt-in to the UN online documentation access and archival system;
3. Extend the civil society consultations to all areas of work of the Board;
4. Call for and collect written contributions from non-State actors;
5. Allow NGOs & non-State actors to participate as observers in INCB meetings;
6. Scale-up “country visits,” inspired in the human rights treaty bodies Annual Review Mechanism.