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Dear Mr. De Loenen,

I refer to your email message of 18 May and to a previous letter regarding the legal control status of "ayahuasca" or any other plant containing DMT.

I wish to inform you that no plant (natural materials) containing DMT is currently controlled under the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances. Consequently, preparations (e.g. decoctions) made of these plants, including ayahuasca are not under international control and, therefore, not subject to any of the provisions of the 1971 Convention.

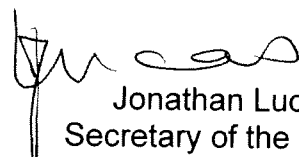
Some Governments may have decided, however, to apply control measures to ayahuasca, as the use of this preparation carries serious health risks. For example, some Governments may have chosen to require import and export authorizations for international trade in ayahuasca, or consider its use or trade as a criminal offence.

Concerning national controls applicable to ayahuasca in Chile, we recommend that you direct your queries to the competent authorities at the following address:

Instituto de Salud Pública – ISP  
Maratón No. 1000, Ñuñoa  
Casilla 48, Correo 3  
Santiago  
Chile

Phone: (56) 2-350 7601 or 2-350 7606  
Fax: (56) 2-350 7575 or 2-350 7578

Please accept, Mr. De Loenen, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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