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Dear Dr. Zahira Gonzalez Colon:

The American Psychological Association (APA) would like to express both deep sorrow and sincere support for the loss, damages and suffering caused by Hurricane Maria. The APA is honored to have many colleagues who we consider friends in active leadership roles in the Organization, resulting in particular concern about the aftermath of this natural disaster.

As your national psychological association, the APA would like to welcome APPR to call on us as an organization if there are ways in which we may be useful to APPR, to psychologists on the island and to the broader community. For the moment, APA would like to share links with relevant materials that may be useful to APPR:

- A resource that is part of the APA “Help Center” addressed to the public in case of natural disasters may be found at <http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/diasaster/index.aspx>.
- Additional disaster relief information related to hurricanes may be found at <http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/tornadoes-kids.aspx>
- Information specific to trauma related to hurricanes is available at <http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/hurricane-stress.aspx> and <http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/hurricane-afar.aspx>
- General information about the role of psychologists related to disasters can be obtained at <http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/disaster-site.aspx>

In addition to the aforementioned informational resources, APA is donating \$5,000 to hurricane relief efforts.

The APA is fortunate so many Puerto Ricans are part of our Association. I will be visiting with you during your next convention and ask that some of my time on the island be spent volunteering at or visiting some of the sites where you are currently deployed.

We send a very heartfelt desire to stand with you during recovery from this disaster.

Sincerely,

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