TO: Odysseas Boudouris, President, and the Board of the former Greek section of MSF

Dear Odysseas:

I have been informed that you have contacted several if not all sections of MSF through a letter dated September 9, 1999 and received on various dates throughout the MSF movement. I am replying to that letter here for the MSF Movement. I am also replying here to the letter you sent to me by fax on September 14, 1999, and which I received by post on September 21, 1999.

Please be advised that no section will reply to your letter, and that all discussion with the MSF Movement must be through the office of the International Council President. The terms of any potential discussion will only be according the parameters defined in the June 12, 1999 International Council resolution which states that:

Resolution and Decision MSF International Council Meeting Amsterdam, June 11-12, 1999:

The IC was presented with and accepts the report of the fact finding mission of Morten Rostrup and Stephan Oberreit on "The MSF Greece Mission to the F.R.Y. And the Breakdown of the MSF Greek-Swiss Common Operational Centre Agreement". The IC deeply deplores the explicit decision of MSF Greece not to respond or participate in the debate at the IC meeting of June 12th, 1999, in Amsterdam. The International Council of MSF resolves that:

Given
1. the unilateral MSF Greece mission into Kosovo lacked the independence necessary to facilitate an objective evaluation of the needs of the population and that unacceptable conditions of access were agreed to by MSF Greece which compromised the mission and undermined future attempts by any MSF section to enter into the FRY;

2. that the actions of MSF Greece were carried out without respecting prior decisions of the IC as to how MSF Greece would carry out field operations;

3. that the actions of MSF Greece were carried out with a total lack of transparency, were deliberately misleading to members of the IC, and deliberately avoided international debate and coordination, and

4. that the actions of MSF Greece violated the specific decisions taken by the Executive Committee with regard with the objectives and conditions necessary for a MSF exploratory mission into Kosovo,

the IC considers that the Common Operational Center between Greece and Switzerland has ceased to exist and
therefore MSF Greece can no longer carry out operations outside of Greece, effective immediately. The IC wishes 
MSF-Greece to remain within the MSF-movement, so long as they accept the responsibilities and privileges 
that go with membership as a partner section. Should MSF Greece refuse to comply in writing with this 
decision by June 28th, 1999, the IC considers MSF Greece to have forfeited their membership in the IC and 
to have excluded itself from the MSF-movement. In that case, the IC and all its sections will cease all formal 
collaboration with MSF-Greece and demand that MSF-Greece ceases all use of the MSF logo and the name 
"Médecins sans Frontières" in any language.

Please also be advised that on September 16, 1999 seventeen of 18 MSF Sections voted 
to formally exclude the Greek section from the MSF movement. The resolution, for your 
information, states that:

September 16, 1999 MSF IC Resolution

"Because of non-compliance with the June 12, 1999 MSF International Council resolution, the MSF International Council expels the Greek section from the MSF International Council and association. The MSF International Council consequently demands that the former Greek section a) immediately ceases use, in any 
way whatsoever, of the logo and name of "MSF / "Médecins Sans Frontières"” and of any related 
distinctive sign, publicly or privately in or out of Greece and b) refrain from making any misleading 
representation that they are affiliated, in any way whatsoever, with MSF International or the MSF movement 
generally. Finally, the former Greek section is required to immediately withdraw the trademark 
"MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières", which was filed in the Greek Trade Mark Office in bad faith, without 
MSF International’s expressed or implicit consent."

I look forward to future discussions with you on the parameters defined in the June 12, 

Sincerely,

Dr. James Orbinski
President, MSF International Council