

MSF INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

5 October 1989

MSF inter-sections meeting:

Approval for the setting up of a MSF Europe Council secretariat in Brussels.

9 January 1990

MSF inter-sections meeting:

- International structure to be set up as MSF European Council.
- The office to be known as MSF Europe and to be led by an International Secretary General.

September 1990

Official opening of the MSF International office in Brussels.

Early 1991

Alain Destexhe, appointed MSF International Secretary General.

September–October 1991

The MSF International Office recruits:

- An international Press Officer to coordinate MSF communication
- A lawyer to define legal framework for MSF interventions.

10 January 1992

MSF International Council meeting:

- Signing of MSF International statutes
- International Office responsible for establishing MSF trademark policy and global protection of the brand

10 April 1992

MSF International Council meeting:

- MSF liaison offices with the UN in Geneva and New York placed under the authority of the international Office.
- MSF lawyer asked to advise the movement on international humanitarian law.
- Recruitment of an institutional funds coordinator.

26 June 1992

MSF International Council meeting:

Decision to strengthen the role of the President of the International Council and of the International Secretary General regarding the implementation of the decisions taken in Melun.

25 November 1992

The International office organised the first 'populations in danger day' and publication of the 'Populations in Danger' report. Yearly event until 1996.

December 1992

MSF International Secretary General negotiated the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding between NGOs and ECHO.

3 February 1995

MSF International Council meeting:

International Office is not the MSF spokesperson.

1st Semester 1995

Jean-Marie Kindermans replaces Alain Destexhe as International Secretary General.

June 1996

MSF International Council meeting:

International Council President and International Secretary General tasked with organising working groups and making proposals on:

- MSF structure
- MSF movement rules
- International Council role.

September 1996

International President and International Secretary General's letter to International Council proposing the strengthening of the international dimension of MSF by reorganising International Council structure.

30 January 1997

MSF International Council meeting:

The international restructuring gave rise to the MSF Executive committee composed of the General directors of the MSF Operational Centres and of the International Secretary General. The Executive Committee to be in charge of preparing and executing the International Council's decisions.