STATEMENT OF INTENT FROM THE A’DAM GROUP PRESIDENTS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17th 2006

The four Presidents of the Amsterdam Group would like to announce that following a joint teleconference, hosted by MSF Germany on February 14th, it was agreed, that there is both a willingness and confidence in moving forward with the process of co-ownership within the group. The four Presidents agreed on the principles of the basic framework as suggested in the Lewes List [1] (see attachment).

The shared vision of ‘co-ownership’ has been agreed upon in terms of the understanding that this will involve ‘real and meaningful’ participation by all sections in the development and management, at strategic and operational levels, of the operations of the Amsterdam Group.

- The Presidents agree that the development of the Strategic Plan including resources planning and the ensuing AP’s for the Amsterdam OC and the monitoring of these plans should be the collective responsibility of all four partner sections (Boards and GD’s) on the basis of equality.
- The current agreement is to discuss further the formation of an appropriate platform at associative level to reflect these governance responsibilities. In addition there is agreement on the necessity for an operational platform which ensures active engagement and responsibility at DG level.
- Finally, we agree that we need a clear operational management line. Currently, this includes that the MSF H GD will be at the apex of this management line, however the respective tasks as well as the management team will be selected in agreement with four sections.

The Presidents of the four sections accept that this process needs to now focus on the development of the necessary platforms in order to facilitate the agreed vision of co-ownership. With this in mind there is agreement to have a face to face meeting with the Presidents and some members of each of the Boards on the 3rd/4th of March. Following this meeting there will be a meeting with the Presidents and the DG’s of the four sections on Wednesday evening March 8th in Luxembourg.

We are both confident and optimistic that we can now move forward in a co-operative and integrated fashion.

Signed: Stefan Krieger President MSF Germany
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[1] The Lewes List is a framework of basic criteria necessary for a co-ownership vision produced by the MSF-UK Board in January 2006. It can be downloaded from the MSF-Holland Association Intranet.