

Report from: Boardmeeting 1994.03.17 of the Swedish branch of Médecins Sans Frontières / Läkare Utan Gränser (MSF-S)

Present: Members of the board

Xavier Emmanuelli
Jean Pierre Luxen
Stefan Peterson
Johan von Schreeb
Anna Vejlens

Others

Ulrike von Pilar
Göran Svedin

§1 Chairman of the meeting

Decision: Johan von Schreeb is elected chairman of the meeting.

§2 Functionaries according to the statutes §9

Decision: Johan von Schreeb is elected President of MSF-Sweden, Stefan Peterson Treasurer and Anna Vejlens Secretary.

The elected functionaries will act as executive committee (arbetsutskott) until next General Assembly.

§3 Division of responsibilities

Decision: The executive committee is responsible for day to day decisions and policies within the framework of the budget, plan of action and general policies of MSF International. Executive committee decisions are carried out by the office executive.

Issues of major policy and strategic importance has to be decided by the full board, that is decisions on for instance plan and budget, major publicity campaigns and formalised cooperation with governmental or inter-governmental bodies.

§4 Right to speak on behalf of MSF-S

Decision: Johan von Schreeb is the official spokesperson of MSF-S with right to delegate this function.

§5 Subscription right

Decision: The decision on subscription rights is delegated to the executive committee.

§6 Statutes of MSF-S

The board is going through the statutes as amended by the Extra General Assembly 21 December 1993 and a general discussion on membership policy is taking place.

Although Swedish NGOs have a strong tradition of being popular movements with an open membership and the fact that open membership is strongly linked to the goodwill of public opinion, MSF-S will adhere to the established membership policy of MSF. It is considered crucial, particularly in the first developing phase, to have members with experience from the field for keeping MSF-S an action oriented organisation with a strong field perspective.

In order to gain public support it is important to recruit support-members as defined in the statutes §3.

Decision: Considering the criterias above applications for membership will be dealt with by the full board.

The supportmember fee for 1994 is 200 SEK.

§7 Activities 1993

The board is going through the Activity Report and the Financial Report for 1993.

§8 Annual General Assembly 1994

The board receives a report from the Annual General Assembly which took place 17th of March 1994.

§9 Plan of action and budget 1994

Decision: The MSF-S budget proposal for 1994 to be sent to the board (Conseil d'Administration) of MSF-Belgium for decision amounts to a total of 1.371.742 SEK (5.900.000 FB), see appendix I.

The overall goals for MSF-S is to recruit medical personell, to inform and influence the public in Sweden on the international humanitarian situation, to do institutional and private fundraising and to recruit support members. The goals in figures of activities 1994 is confirmed, see appendix II.

Note: Stefan Peterson consider the goal of 2.000.000 FB from private fundraising to be to optimistic.

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General discussions

Xavier Emmanuelli and Jean Pierre Luxen give their views on the international development of MSF, both historically and for the future. A general discussion on key issues for the future is taking place.

Anna Vejens
Secretary

Johan Von Schreeb
President

Stefan Peterson
Treasurer
