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Dr Bernard Pécoul
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Dear Bernard,

Regarding : **MSF representation in Australia**

With reference to our discussions over the previous week concerning the activities of MSF in Australia I have reconsidered all the elements and wish to make a proposal based on the following summary of the situation :

1. There is a definite potential for a fruitful outcome to the eventual setting up of an MSF delegate office in Australia. Already, even given the absolutely minimal attention that we have given them so far, the four related domains of interagency liaison, fund-raising, public information and recruitment, have shown themselves to be fertile.
2. As I understand it, MSF France is at present overcommitted in terms of supporting delegate offices and cannot envisage opening one in Australia at present. This situation may evolve over the coming year or two.

3. My present role as part-time MSF representative in Australia is untenable. I am unable to respond adequately to the interest that my presence has generated and this has a negative impact both on the image of MSF and my own motivation.

4. Given my very strong personal commitment to MSF I naturally find it impossible to limit myself to the role of a passive or latent presence. I expend far more time and energy than is reflected in the two days per month that I am officially retained. As a result my MSF role is impacting negatively both upon my family and my other professional activities.

In conclusion, it is my estimation that the current arrangement is bad for both MSF as an institution and for me as an individual. I wish therefore to resign from the position as part-time MSF representative, with effect from 30 June 1993.

Evidently I remain at your entire disposal if during coming years MSF should decide that it wants to open a full-time delegate office in Australia.

We shall in any case remain in regular contact through my ongoing engagement as a consultant for Epicentre for the PSP course.

Many thanks for your support and encouragement, both personally and in your role as Director.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peter Hakewill". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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