



To the Ambassador of The European Monitoring Mission :
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From MSF International

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Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, Holland and France are closely monitoring the situation in Yugoslavia with offices in Zagreb, Belgrade and Sarajevo.

International fundings were received by MSF Holland through the Dutch government and by MSF Belgium through the EC emergency division DG VIII.

Supply of medical material, medicines and food were distributed to Croatia (Slavonia and coastal area especially).

Supply of medicines and medical material has been organized in Vojvodina and Bosnia.

Last week a team of MSF delivered 18 tons of relief goods to Dubrovnik with the same ferry, which was used by the EC. A team consisting of a nurse and a logistician is at this moment working in the city .

A team of two doctors has accompanied the humanitarian convoy to Vukovar.

Médecins Sans Frontières is very concerned with the situation of the wounded people in the hospital of Vukovar and with the children and the women of the town; they need to be evacuated as soon as possible.

Unfortunately this convoy stranded not far from Vukovar, all the efforts in vain. The humanitarian aim has not attained its end, due to the political atmosphere.

The fightings were still going on and a cease fire had not been respected. In such context the aim of the convoy, which is partly to supply food and medicines, is a political gesture which prevent an humanitarian action to succeed.

Médecins Sans Frontières, as a neutral organization with broad experience in conflictual areas, proposes to the EC its help on a strict humanitarian rescue action based on the evacuation of the wounded people, the children and the women of Vukovar.

The convoy has to be composed only of ambulances and buses marked with EC and MSF colors and that of any other international neutral organization, which is willing to take part in this humanitarian action.

We would stress the urgency of meeting you as soon as possible.