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Dear Mr Oberreit,

I write you on behalf of Public Services International (PSI), the global union Federation representing more than 20 million public service workers, including healthcare workers, around the world.

I would like to let you know that PSI welcomes the decision of MSF that it has decided to no longer receive funds from the EU and EU Member States until there is a policy drive towards taking people in and focusing on individual needs, instead of the deterrence policy to keep refugees and asylum seekers away from European shores. PSI and many others in the trade union movement have since the very beginning been outspoken about the EU-Turkey deal, voicing our concern on its implications and the human cost, demanding instead more funds and resources for the refugees themselves and for those at the frontlines – mostly public service workers and volunteers.

We know this is a hard decision that will have an impact on MSF work and programmes now and in the near future, since these funds are very much needed to carry out your mission, though for that same reason, it is a very courageous one. We wish there were more organizations with the high moral and ethical standards like MSF; the world would certainly be a better place. To make up for it, we pledge to make a small donation (5,000€) to MSF and launch a campaign among our affiliates, encouraging them to do the same. This is nothing when compared to the EU funds you just renounced to, but we are confident that others will follow suit and support MSF as well. We kindly ask you to indicate to which MSF branch the donations should be preferably made to.

We very much appreciate the work MSF is doing in many areas so close to those in which PSI is engaged as well. I wish this were a first step that can bring our organizations closer in the effort to affirm health as a human right accessible to all and that we can have the opportunity to cooperate.

In solidarity,

Rosa Pavanelli
General Secretary