I had this prepared internally and wanted to cross-check it in the house; since I'm leaving now for the board to Amsterdam and since it was brought up at the teleconf I send it straight to you all; hoping helps for the discussion.

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Subject: scenarios return to Serbia and Kosovo
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Dear all,

Now maybe more than before (and if it's not today, it'll be tomorrow) we have to prepare amongst ourselves for a return both to Belgrade and to Kosovo; at the same time, the moment this opportunity will be there we have to secure still about our present activities, particularly the ones in Montenegro for evident reasons.

There is a whole series of aspects to be tackled globally for any MSF going in:
- Criteria for humanitarian space
- Objective of coverage
- Collaboration with other intervenors
- Defining priorities
- Differentiate in strategies between IDP's left and Refs coming in
- A series of risk to evaluate:
  - Retaliations UCK
  - Political agreement not kept
  - Defining Kosovar citizenship
  - Mines
  - Uranium issue
  - 'False save heaven' syndrom
- How to go about mass-grave confrontation
- Logistics
- Nato coordination
- ...

What I would like to take up at first amongst these themes is the one of coordinating practically amongst us.

The baseline is as from the beginning:

- For Belgrade:

  That we try from all sides to get expat people in and prospect operational potential; as soon as this is a fact, operational options are in principle open to all sections. But we'll have to make sure from the start about fundamental coherence by agreeing upon a coordination amongst us; MSF-B proposes to assume this in line with the situation before, but there is room to see which kind of formula (see the set of 5 schemes in the ET-evaluation report) as such we'll see with our local team what preparations can already be set up in advance.

If by that time there is still Greeks around, they could be included.

- For Kosovo:

  That crossing from all borders we try to get in and if there is real humanitarian space that we try to set up operations; we feel like that once the opening is made (by agreement) that Kosovo will become a virtual independent Albanian state, militarised but with large needs (enough to keep all sections busy) and probably many intervenors; here again, we think there is no need for geographical split-up between sections, although MSF-B would be happy to recuperate the humanitarian space lost in Pristina; it could as such also serve as exchange for circulating information; the formula opted for to preserve at this level international coherence again can be looked at (even the modular one?)