

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS

Humanitarian Group Says "Its a Matter of Hours for the Survivors of Genocide in Rwanda." Appeal for Immediate Intervention Made on Capitol Hill and at the United Nations

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Jean Hervé Bradol, who directs the Rwanda Desk for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)/ Doctors Without Borders in Paris, is in Washington and New York this week to meet with legislators and U.N. diplomats to appeal for an immediate intervention in Rwanda.

Dr. Bradol, who is fluent in English, will be available for media interviews on Friday, June 17. His meetings tomorrow are scheduled on the same day that MSF will publish in *Le Monde*, an open letter to the President and Prime Minister of France, urging the government to go beyond declarations of possible intervention, and take swift action to stop the continuing genocide.

Doctors Without Borders, the world's largest independent emergency medical aid group, has been based in Kigali since October 1993 and has witnessed the atrocities since the beginning of the conflict. The volunteer medical staff was reinforced last week with the addition of a team of six doctors, nurses and surgeons, to provide assistance to 25,000 people grouped together in four locations inside the city.

For further information, and to arrange an interview with Dr. Bradol, please contact Chantal Martell in the New York office of Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders at 212/649-5961 or, Wendy Strickman at 310/473-4703 (Los Angeles).

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