

Paris, 31 Janvier 1991

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Cher(e) Collège,

Désolée de vous transmettre cette lettre de Derek HOPWOOD  
qui annule le MELCOM I./XIII à RABAT .....

Chacun(e) dans nos sphères respectives, continuons nos  
efforts .....

A bientôt

Cordialement,

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F.B.K.

29 January, 1991

Dear MELCOM Member

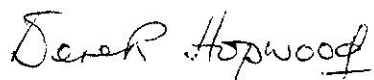
I am sure that by now you will have realized that we have had to cancel our proposed conference in Rabat in Morocco. In the present appalling situation there is so much uncertainty that it would have been unwise to go ahead in the hope that perhaps things would have been clearer by April. As time passes the outcome of the war becomes less clear and certainly the duration is no longer predictable. I am very sorry about this particularly as in our own small sphere it means an interruption of our fruitful Euro/Arab relationship. While we cannot be held responsible for what our politicians do we scholars and librarians can at least try to maintain as much normality as possible between ourselves in which ever country we are.

I am especially sorry that the efforts of Latifa Ben-Jalloun, who was to have been our indefatigable host in Rabat, have come to nothing. In this letter I should like express my warm thanks to her for all her work and in addition underline the hope that one day we may be able to meet in Rabat. Thank you very much Latifa. I should also like to thank Françoise Kotobi whose work has equally for the present come to nothing.

Despite this temporary interruption I trust that arrangements for elections will proceed and that we will still be able to establish MELCOM International on the more permanent footing that we were seeking.

We will be in touch with you when we have news or ideas about future arrangements. With all best wishes in the hope for a quick end to the conflict.

Yours ever



Derek Hopwood  
Chairman, MELCOM International