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Dear Sir

MPS Member: Professor J.P. Bonhoeffer

As you know we are instructed by MPS on behalf of its member Professor Phillip Bonhoeffer.

We are instructed by Professor Bonhoeffer to notify the Council that he intends to take no further part in the Fitness to Practise proceedings initiated by the Council. He will not be attending the hearings contemplated by the Council, starting with that on 9 May 2012. We are not instructed to participate in his absence and neither we nor Counsel will be attending the hearings. He is making arrangements to cancel his payment of the Council's annual retention fee.

Professor Bonhoeffer maintains his denial of the allegations. He has no intention of resuming the practise of medicine in the United Kingdom. He no longer has any confidence in the fairness of the process or, given the history of the case, that the proceedings will be concluded in a timely way.

Moreover, he has come to understand that, even when he is exonerated, he would not be able to resume the practise of medicine in the United Kingdom, even if he wished to do so. Confidence in him has been very seriously, if not irretrievably, damaged already by adverse publicity. It is clear that the planned hearings, particularly if Professor Bonhoeffer attends, will attract considerable further publicity. That publicity will inevitably have the consequence that he would not be able to practise medicine in any meaningful way in this country, particularly since his work has been and would have been high profile and innovative. Exoneration by a Panel will not remedy that. To the extent that his reputation has not already been destroyed it would be irrevocably destroyed by the publicity associated with the Council's future proceedings and any necessary legal challenges.

We have copied this letter to the Council's Solicitors, Field Fisher Waterhouse.

Yours faithfully,

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