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Dear Cristina Achermann,

I am writing on behalf of Platform Garanti Contemporary Art Center in Istanbul. Platform was initiated in September 2001, by the curator of the 1992 Istanbul Biennial and previous director of the Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard College, Vasif Kortun. Located in Beyoglu the most vibrant part of the city, Platform has the highest attendance figures for an art space in Istanbul. Although it is a public space, there is no government funding for contemporary art initiatives in Turkey, which leaves the gallery dependent on finding support from international funding organisations.

Platform has invited the art collective PAC to take part in the exhibition 'The Practice of Everyday Life', which will take place in July 2003. Platform would like PAC to be present for a period of 10 days during the exhibition's duration and to intervene in the every day existence and public understanding of Platform as a gallery space. Their work may be to invite the city's public into the space, to create interventions on the streets of Istanbul, to perform in the gallery and other suitable venues, while always leaving some form of trace, memory or record of their work within the gallery itself.

I am writing to Pro Helvetia to request support for PAC's involvement in this event. I wish to apply for funding to cover flights, accommodation and living costs for the eight artists that make up the art collective PAC, so that we are able to invite them to participate in this project. I have also contacted the Swiss Consulate in Istanbul, but unfortunately they do not have funds or accommodation available for such a project.

I attach an invitation letter, budget and further documents detailing Platform's history for your information.

Thank you in advance for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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