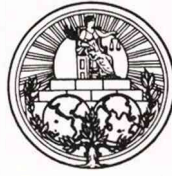


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25 August 1994

My dear *Elizabeth,*

Many thanks for your letter inviting me to become a Member of the Independent World Commission for the Seas and Oceans. There is indeed a felt need for a Commission of this nature - an idea both timely and compelling. Many thanks again for inviting me to become a Member.

I look forward to a period of active participation together with the other Members on this noble enterprise.

With all good wishes,

As always,

Abdul.

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To: H.E. Judge Abdul Koroma

FAX No: 31 70 364 99 28

From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese

FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: September 7, 1994

Subject: Your fax of August 25

My dear Abdul,

I was delighted to find your fax of August 25 when I returned, yesterday, from a rather long trip. The Commission will be announced on November 16. We will have a job to do!

The last stop of this recent trip was Addis, where we launched, in cooperation with UNECA, a project for local drought-resistant emergency food production in Africa: Spirulina culture in Ethiopia. It is the first project of its kind in Africa, and I am very excited about it. I am convinced it will save many lives during the upcoming drought. I shall send you a copy by mail.

All the very best, and thanks again.

Much love,

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth



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6 January, 1995

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H.E. Judge Abdul Koroma
International Court of Justice
Peace Palace
The Hague, Netherlands

My dear Abdul,

Thanks for your New Year's card. We missed you at Pacem in Maribus XXII! You will receive our conclusions and recommendations very soon.

Today I am attaching the latest, and final version, of the World Commission document. The latest news is that we had a very good meeting with Federico Mayor in Paris, just before Christmas, and that he suggested that President Soares should be officially designated as President of the Commission, jointly by Boutros-Ghali and Federico Mayor. This now should happen very shortly --and our agenda for 1995 is very tight!

I intend to go to Jamaica the end of February for the session of the Assembly of the international Seabed Authority --but the whole thing is in sad shape, as was to be predicted.

we will have to try to make it work, i.e.: it will have to do something useful, or else it will die.

All the very best, to you and yours, and I hope to see you soon,

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese



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My dear Abdul,

Thank you so much for your interesting and constructive letter of April 24, which reached me yesterday.

I think that the hearings we are organising for the World Commission for the Oceans will contribute valuable material with regard to your third point, that is to determine how far, if at all, our Convention has contributed to the economic and social needs of the developing countries. I am afraid, thus far the result will be rather negative. Developing countries, in most cases, just have not been in a position to take advantage of the Convention. One purpose of our World Commission certainly is to see to it that they should indeed enjoy these benefits.

I agree with you that it would be very useful to have an FAO study on this subject. I'll try to get it done!

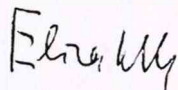
As to your fourth point -- I am sure you must have seen Judge Oda's recent paper with his sharp attack on Part XV of the Convention and, especially, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. He has, as always, a very sharp mind, and although there is some degree of balance in his judgment I do think the negative side of his argument is too heavy. The dispute settlement system of our Convention has universally been hailed as the most advanced system in existence today. Nothing is perfect, of course, but where is anything better?

I am not happy that the Straddling Stocks Conference is trying to create a separate dispute settlement system. That strikes me as absurd, when it is quite obvious that they should use the L.o.S. Convention system!

Do you think you yourself might prepare a paper on your point 4, that is, a study to determine what types of disputes are better handled by Hamburg or the Hague, for presentation at PIM XXIII? That would be a wonderful contribution.

Thanks again for all your cooperation,

Yours as ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Elisabeth Mann Borgese'.

Elisabeth Mann Borgese



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To: Judge Abdul Koroma
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FAX No: 31 70 364 99 28

From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese

FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: 9 July, 1995

Subject: World Commission on the Oceans

My dear Abdul:

It has taken longer than anticipated, but, at last, we are there.

We had a good meeting with President Soares of Portugal, on June 29- July 1, and our World Commission is on course. He has finally and officially accepted to be the Chairman of the Commission. We have five Vice Chairmen:

Africa: Layashi Yaker, Algeria
Asia: Yoshio Suzuki, Japan
Europe: Guido de Marco, Malta
Latin America: Jose Vargas, Brazil
North America: myself, Canada.

The Chairman and the Vice Chairmen form the Executive Committee.

Membership, as of today, is as follows:

Region	Member	Expertise
Africa	Bedjaoui, Algeria Khalid, Sudan* Osmal, South Africa* St Jorre, Seychelles Koroma West Africa*	International Law Law, Environment Natural Resources Tourism, Environment Law ?
Asia S. Pacific	Koh, Singapore Su Jilan, China Swaminathan, India Najeeb El Nuaimi, Qatar Solofa, Western Samoa* Australia*	Law of the Sea, Environment, Climate Plant Genetics Law, Oil Education ?
Europe	Dupuy, France Ruperti, Italy* Hedrich, Germany Fleischhauer, Germany Lubbers, Netherlands Ulf Lie, Norway* Ruivo, Portugal Busuttil, Malta Mayor, Spain Kendrew, U.K.* Kolodkin, Russian Fed. Yankov, Bulgaria	Law, Human Rights Science & Technology Development Economics International Law Economics Oceanography Fisheries Biology Economics Education, governance Chemistry Maritime Law (Shipping) Law of the Sea,
North America	Speth, USA Turner, USA* Macdonald, Canada	Resource Economics Media International Law
Latin America	Barcena, Mexico Somavia, Chile Arias, Costa Rica* Muller Don Mills, Jamaica* Patrica Bernal,*	Environment Law, economics Peace, Demilitarisation Peace, Education Environment, Law
Eminent Persons		

* Not yet confirmed

The first Plenary of the Commission will meet at the United Nations University in Tokyo, on September 6, 7, and 8. The Plenary will be preceded by a one-day meeting of the Executive Committee.

Among other things, we will have to approve a message to the 50th General Assembly, as well as a tentative table of contents for our final report and guide lines for an interim report to the Commission for Sustainable Development next year. We will also discuss a list of background papers to be commissioned as well as plans for global and regional hearings. You will receive draft documents in the near future. It will be a very busy session.

There will be a Press Conference in Tokyo, for the official launching of the Commission.

You will receive an official invitation from President Soares in the near future. We would be grateful if you could make your own travel arrangements. Your air fare (business class) will be refunded in Tokyo.

Fund raising is well in hand. We have already raised well over a million dollars

It is a great relief that everything is on course now. This Commission is a great challenge and offers a formidable opportunity for a unique kind of contribution to the making of a genuinely new order for the next century.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tokyo, with all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

E. Brundage

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To: Professor Elizabeth Mann-Borgese
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From I.C.J.
Date 11 July 1995

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Message:

My dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for your fax message regarding the Works Commission on the Ocean, and congratulations also for getting the Commission on course.

I hereby confirm my acceptance of your invitation to become a Member of the Commission, and offer you my full support to make the venture a success.

Again, many thanks, and congratulations for your persevering and untiring efforts on behalf of us all.

Yours ever,

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INDEPENDENT WORLD COMMISSION ON THE OCEANS

Judge Abdul Koroma
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The Hague, Netherlands
FAX: 31 70 364 99 28

Dear Abdul:

You should have received these days an official invitation from President Mario Soares of Portugal, the Chairman of our newly established Independent World Commission on the Oceans, inviting you to join the Commission and to participate in our first Plenary Session, on September 6, 7, and 8, at the United Nations University in Tokyo.

I am attaching today (a) a provisional agenda; and (b) some information on logistics which has been issued by the local organiser, INTERCOM. I hope that everything is clear.

You will note that you kindly should make your own travel arrangements, and that the air fare (business class) will be refunded in cash in Tokyo. You will also note that your expenses at the Westin Hotel in Tokyo are fully covered. However, if you prefer another hotel, you would be responsible for the difference in price between the Westin (23,000 Yen) and the Hotel of your choice. You should kindly advise Ms Masako Otsuka, INTERCOM, fax 81 3 3586 4706, of your decision as well as of your flight number and arrival time.

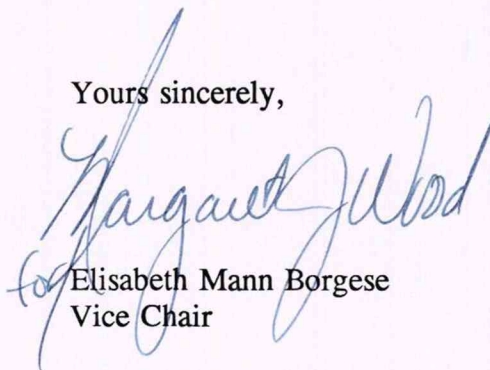
A set of documentation for the meeting will be sent within the next two weeks.

I very much hope it will be possible for you to join us in Tokyo. This first session of the Commission is of fundamental importance for the orientation and organisation of our work, and I am convinced that this Commission has a unique opportunity to offer a "vision" and make a long-term contribution to the making of a somewhat better world. But what we do today is decisive for the chances of realising the long-term vision. Ocean policy is being made this year and next year, and we are in an exceptionally good position to influence it. We need your help and cooperation.

The time between now and Tokyo is very short indeed, and I would be most grateful if you could let me know just as soon as possible whether you will be able to attend as I fervently hope.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elisabeth Mann Borgese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "M".

Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Vice Chair

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Message:

Dear *Elizabeth,*

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Thank you for you facsimile inviting me to join the Commission and to participate in the first Plenary Session scheduled to be held in Tokyo 6-8 September 1995.

It is certainly my intention to be present at this important occasion. However, due to a case which is pending before the Court, I am unable at this time to definitely confirm my attendance. As soon as the Court's schedule in the new case is known to me, I will definitely be able let you know my schedule.

Love and personal regards

Yours sincerely,

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To: H.E. Judge Abdul Koroma
FAX No: 31 70 326 41 45

From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: 17 November, 1995

Subject: various

My dear Abdul,

I was horrified to hear that you still had not received any letter from President Soares. I checked immediately, and was told that a letter had been prepared and should reach you soon....

So much for that. The same applies to our friend Fleischhauer, and I would be grateful if you could explain the situation to him and give him my warmest regards. I hope things will be on course with the Commission, after this Tokyo meeting.

As to *Pacem in Maribus XXIII*, I am equally horrified. As the saying goes, too many cooks spoil the broth. Cooperation between Costa Rica and ourselves has been on the whole quite good, but obviously there are cracks in the communication, and the invitation you should have received must have slipped into one of them... I am attaching today the formal document that went out to everybody; as well as the detailed agenda as it stands at this moment.

I will not attach the background paper, because it is too long, but I know you received it, because you wrote a nice letter back to me. If you cannot find it, it is also reproduced in my little book, *Ocean Governance and the United Nations*, of which you have a copy.

The Agenda for Peace, as you remember, deals with the peaceful settlement of

Disputes as an essential part of peace-making. It does not mention the Law of the Sea at all in this connection. If you can come, could you make a statement on this whole issue? You need not have a written paper: the time is too short now,, but you could speak from your notes, and write the paper later. Eventually, I would love to have a paper. The Conference is co-sponsored by UNESCO which will also publish the Proceedings, and so I am particularly keen to have good papers!

We would also like to have you preside over one of the sessions. We need a good African presence. I have also faxed to Warioba, from whom we have not heard in a long time, but he has not yet answered.

If you can come, we would send you your round-trip ticket and, of course, everything is taken care of while you are in Costa Rica. You should, if possible, plan to travel on December 2 and to leave Costa Rica on December 10, because on the 8th and 9th we have Board meetings and meetings of the Directors of our Operational Centres, and these are interesting internal meetings.

I'll be in Ljubljana until the 22nd, but our office here will follow up on your instructions immediately. You also very kindly might fax the registration form (it is on the printed programme) to Costa Rica.

All the very best, and I hope and pray that you can make it!

Yours as ever,

Frank