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New York City, N.Y.

Fax No

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

Date: February 2, 2000

Subject: SIDS

Dear Ambassador Slade,

We have been asked by CIDA to write a series of little policy papers, including on SIDS, and it would help me greatly if I could know from you what you think are the most important points on the SIDS agenda that need discussion, cooperation, etc. I noted that in the South Pacific the mineral mining issue and cooperation with the Sea-bed Authority has become very important. And there is a big thing about fisheries.

If you have any recent information or documents -- regarding SIDS anywhere, not necessarily in the South Pacific -- I would be most grateful.

Warm regards,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese



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If you have any recent information or documents, I would be most grateful.

Warm regards,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese

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STATEMENT BY

**H.E. TUILOMA NERONI SLADE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SAMOA
CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES
(AOSIS)**

ON

OCEANS AND LAW OF THE SEA [40]

**FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
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Mr. President,

I have the honour to make this statement on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). We are most grateful to the Secretary-General and, of course, to all UN personnel and agencies involved, for the excellent coverage and quality of the report before the Assembly.

The subject of oceans and seas is of vital importance to small island States. It is the ocean that defines islands and island communities. The primacy of the oceans provides a natural force and motivation to the role played and maintained by island States in this subject area, and to the exceptional contribution by representatives of island States, like the late Professor Arvid Pardo of Malta.

The ocean is a fundamental influence to our countries, traditionally and culturally. We have relied on the ocean and its resources for our sustenance and livelihood, since time immemorial. The importance of ocean resources towards sustaining our vulnerable economies is already of real significance for many communities; and of the highest long-term potential for many more. However, because of the fragile nature of our ecosystems, we have to strike a balance in the sustainable use and development as well as the need to preserve and conserve these very important resources.

I would need to say that in more recent times, we are beginning to see the more frightening face of the oceans. The manifestations of global climate change, like that of Hurricane Lenny, continue to wreak devastation in our islands, in the manner rather graphically described by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Grenada from this podium, two days ago. I take the opportunity, on behalf of my group, to extend to Grenada, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, St Kitts and Nevis and other Caribbean countries affected, our sympathy and support at this difficult time.

Island States are recognised in Agenda 21 and the Barbados Programme of Action as custodians of vast areas of ocean space. Unfortunately, because of the inherent constraints that confront our countries, it is difficult to fulfil our custodian role without continued international support, as well as improved co-ordination and co-operation. This aspect was acknowledged and highlighted in the decisions of the recent CSD-7 and the 22nd Special Session for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the

Programme of Action for the sustainable development of small island developing States.

Mr. President,

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) is now near universal in its acceptance and recognition by the international community. It provides the essential framework for our work on oceans and seas. It is also clear that all aspects of oceans and seas are closely related.

Island States believe that the co-ordination and co-operation on matters relating to oceans should be improved at the intergovernmental level. It is the way we can more realistically hope to achieve an holistic approach for global action on the oceans. We therefore welcome and would support the adoption of the resolution on Agenda item 40(C).

We regard the creation of an informal consultative process as a positive step forward in co-ordinating action on the issue of the oceans and seas. We also accept that the General Assembly is the most appropriate fora to deal with such a consultative process.

It is noted that the consultative process allows for the opportunity to receive inputs from representatives of major groups as identified in Agenda 21. The inclusive nature of such a process would, we believe, promote transparency and that can only be beneficial for the Assembly's consideration of these important matters.

On the appointment of the two co-chairs, AOSIS wishes to join with other delegations in expressing the hope that these appointments will be made at an early stage. Indeed it is in the best interest of the process that the procedural issues pertaining to the meetings be carried out in a swift and prudent manner to allow the actual meeting period to be dedicated to more substantive work. We further support the notion reflected in the resolution with regard to the co-chairs appointments, namely, that there needs to be representation from both developed and developing countries.

Mr. President,

The participation of small island developing States in this consultative process is noted in the resolution. It is vital that small island States be

supported to ensure their full and effective participation in this very important process. In this connection we echo the sentiments in the resolution and encourage States and international organisations to support efforts in this regard.

We are aware that this resolution is attempting to break new ground in the area of oceans and seas affairs within the UN system. This reaffirms our belief that the UN system is best placed to play a facilitating and co-ordinating role. We look forward to actively participating in the implementation of this resolution.

We, too, would take the opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Hanif of Pakistan and Mr. Holmes of Canada, for their able co-ordination of the discussions on this resolution.

Mr. President,

We are pleased to see that consideration has been given to the issue of waste dumping which is of paramount importance to small island States. Our isolation, oceanic location and dependence on marine resources make islands highly vulnerable to contamination from wastes. It is therefore important, within the context of sustainable development, to combat and to prevent marine pollution from all types of wastes.

We also welcome the other two items, namely 40(a) and 40(b) on the omnibus law of the sea resolution and on the Agreement on the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. The importance of these resolutions to our group of countries would be obvious.

On item 40(a), the resolution notes that small island developing States need assistance in the preparation necessary to fulfil the relevant provisions of the Convention. We would urge States to assist small island States in our endeavours to implement the Convention.

With regards to item 40(b), we continue to call on States to ratify or accede to the Fish Stocks Agreement. Our own countries have made legislative amendments, as well as institutional adjustments to allow for national laws and arrangements to be in line with the Fish Stocks Agreement, the LOS Convention, and other relevant international agreements. National policies

on sustainable management of tuna resources are also being developed. All these indicate the seriousness with which small island developing States treat the issue of sustainable harvesting of their maritime resources.

The resolution notes that straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks in some parts of the world have been subject to heavy and little or unregulated fishing efforts, and that some stocks continue to be overfished. Let me say that we support fully the proposals of the resolution aimed at correcting and resolving these problems, including unauthorised fishing.

In areas where there is an absence of reliable data being collected with reference to straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks, the resolution calls for the application of the precautionary principles in accordance with the Agreement. This is absolutely essential, and we support fully the application of that principle.

Finally, Mr. President, the AOSIS countries would like to thank all coordinators and all who actively participated in the discussions resulting in these resolutions.

Thank you.

Tuiloma Neroni Slade

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TITLE: Japan Assistance for Ocean Minerals in the Pacific
DATE : 4 Feb 00

SUMMARY

A new agreement for deep ocean mineral exploration in selected offshore areas of the region in the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) around Cook Islands, Fiji and the Marshall Islands, has been signed in Suva by representatives of those countries, the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC), the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Metal Mining Agency of Japan.

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The Government of Japan and SOPAC have been jointly conducting surveys of deep ocean mineral resources in the EEZs of SOPAC member countries since 1985. This 15-year joint project which concludes in March 2000 has seen exploration in the EEZs of Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. It has been extremely successful in discovering valuable deep-ocean mineral deposits in several areas of the ocean floor of the Pacific and also identifying promising sites for further investigation. Approximately F\$150 million have been spent by the Japanese Government in this joint program. Recently, concerns regarding environmental protection and the need for environmental studies and assessment relating to deep ocean mining have been raised and SOPAC member countries have expressed a strong desire to address these concerns in the proposed new program. Offshore mineral policies and guidelines are being developed by SOPAC to assist member countries.

The new agreement covers surveys to be carried out over a three-year

period commencing in April of 2000. Each survey is expected to consist of about five weeks of cruise-time per year in offshore waters of the Cook Islands, Fiji and the Marshall Islands. The surveys will be carried out using the research vessel Hakurei Maru No.2 (Fig. 1). Some \$15 million is anticipated to be spent in this three year phase.

Deep ocean mineral targets for these surveys are principally for manganese nodules, cobalt-rich manganese crusts and polymetallic sulphides.

Nodules, which vary in size and shape and look something much like a potato, are most abundant where sedimentation rates are lowest, which generally means far from major land masses such as in the mid-Pacific (Figs. 2 & 3). In places the nodules are distributed so densely as to form immense carpets on the deep seabed in water depths of around 5000 metres. Grades of valuable metals in the nodules tend to be highest near the equatorial zones of high biological productivity (the plankton contain considerable nickel and copper). About 10 kilograms of manganese nodules per square metre of seabed with about 2% nickel and copper plus cobalt content, is generally taken as a minimum for potential nodule fields. In the last 20 years, much work has been done on defining the potential mineral resources involved, and on finding the most economical method of recovering nodules containing valuable amounts of these and other metals. Because these metals are abundant and readily mined onland, the conventional wisdom is that commercial deep ocean mining for manganese nodules is unlikely to be undertaken in the foreseeable future. However, Japan remains active in evaluation of new areas, and might even go ahead with mining for reasons other than purely economical ones. Nodule fields are widespread in the Pacific Ocean, the nodules along the Equator tend to be richest in nickel and copper, and those further south in the more valuable cobalt. Nodules in the region still have to be regarded as medium to long-term resources. However, if fields with high metal grades and abundances of nodules could be defined inside EEZs, this assessment could change.

Cobalt-rich manganese crusts (Fig. 4) coat rocky outcrops, largely around volcanic islands and submerged seamounts, and are recognised as potentially economic sources of cobalt. The richest cobalt deposits (1% Co) generally lie in water 1000-2500 metres deep, commonly in crusts 2 centimeters or so thick, but sometimes up to 20 centimeters thick. It is clear that potentially economic crusts form very slowly, from metals dissolved in the water column, and only in areas where there is little other deposition of material. It is widely accepted that cobalt-rich crusts are related to the level of the oxygen minimum zone in the oceanic water column. Cobalt-rich manganese crust deposits are also widespread in the Pacific Ocean. Thick deposits occur in the Marshall Islands, Federated State of Micronesia, Kiribati, and Tuvalu. Similar to manganese nodules, the deposits are regarded as medium to long-term resources. Cobalt-rich manganese crusts may be considered to have a better opportunity to be mined compared to manganese nodules because of they occur in much shallower water depths.

Polymetallic massive sulphides (Fig. 5) are currently creating the most excitement in the offshore mineral sector. Polymetallic massive sulphides deposits are metallic deposits rich in dense minerals such as copper, zinc, lead, silver and gold. These deposits were first discovered in the Pacific in 1984 in the Southern Lau Basin in water depths of 1800m of water. Two years after, more sulphide deposits were discovered in the Manus Basin, Woodlark Basin and Northern Lau Basin. In 1988 the North Fiji Basin deposits were discovered, east of Fiji. Currently there are more than 100 known location of PMS in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans. The Government of Japan though its marine scientific research has contributed much to the discovery and knowledge of these valuable resources. Recently the Government of Papua New Guinea granted two mineral exploration licenses in the Manus Basin. These offshore mineral licenses are the first in the world to be granted by a government.

This latest commitment by Japan to provide further assistance to Pacific island nations for exploration of their deep ocean mineral resources reflects the importance placed on the resources of the ocean as providing opportunities for sustainable economic development. This is one topic on the agenda when the Pacific Island Forum/Japan Leaders Summit in Japan during April.

The importance of the oceans has been the subject of discussion in many meetings in recent times. Pacific island states have been most vocal especially in the United Nations. This matter was once again a focal point in a recent address to the United Nations General Assembly during a debate on ocean affairs and Law of the Sea, by the distinguished Pacific island national Satya Nandan Secretary General of the United Nations International Seabed Authority.

".....I am grateful that the matter of coordination and cooperation, at the global level, of oceans affairs was further discussed and considered at the Commission for Sustainable Development, following which a recommendation was made by the Economic and Social Council. I am particularly appreciative that the General Assembly has acted in a timely manner, for I believe that the oceans will become an area of intense activity as the new millennium progresses. This will come about as a result of the increase in demand for food resources, more rapid communications and transportation as well as the demand for mineral resources from the sea. It is inevitable that major developments in technology and advances in scientific research on the marine environment will accelerate these activities...."

So, as the dawn of the new millennium approaches, it is appropriate to acknowledge the support of Japan to island nations of the Pacific in their endeavours to secure a sustainable use of deep ocean mineral resources they may have sovereign access to.

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24 February 2000

Professor Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Dear Professor Mann Borgese,

Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Do please forgive me for this delay in responding to your letter of 2 February 2000. My travel schedule has come in the way. I refer also to our recent telephone conversation.

The general concerns of SIDS on oceans and seas issues are probably best reflected in the results of last years General Assembly special session on the UN programme of action for the sustainable development of SIDS. A copy of the relevant GA report is attached.

As you will see from the report, issues of conservation, coastal and ocean management, pollution, fisheries and marine scientific research are high SIDS priorities. I take the liberty, in this connection, to enclose a copy of the AOSIS statement I delivered during the General Assembly debate on the item on Oceans and the Law of the Sea last November.

An aspect of ocean management that has become of particular importance is an integrated approach to specific situations, like the Caribbean Sea. A copy of last year's GA resolution on this matter is also enclosed.

As you have noted, ocean mineral exploration has gained significant importance, if not real long-term prospect for, at least some, SIDS. A recent news item from SOPAC in Suva on developments in the Pacific is enclosed. This, of course, was one of the main subjects addressed by Satya Nandan at USP last November.

I hope the above, and the material enclosed, will be of some help to you.

Yours sincerely,

Tuiloma Neroni Slade
Ambassador/ Permanent Representative



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April 1, 2000

HE. Ambassador Neroni Slade
Permanent Mission of Samoa to the U.N.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Ambassador Slade

I would like to use this occasion to raise another, though related, point:

This summer, as every year, we are conducting our 10-week training programme on the issues involved in the implementation of the UNCLOS/UNCED Conventions, Agreements and Programmes. As a matter of fact, it is the Twentieth Anniversary of our Training Programme -- and we intend to raise a little bit of fuss about it! It is also the first year that we have a Danielle de St. Jorre Scholar in the class. As you know, she was nominated by the Government of the Seychelles.

I am enclosing the provisional syllabus for the programme (we are going to have a much prettier one later on!).

Now we would like to invite you to come to Halifax on June 21 (you should arrive on the 20th) to present to, and discuss with, our course participants the establishment of the Consultative Process, the outcome of the first session, problems arising, etc. This could be a joint effort between the two of us.

Besides giving our participants this privileged opportunity of hearing your views on this important development, we would also like to get you more fully acquainted with our training programme.

We will of course be glad to pay for all your expenses.

I fervently hope you will be able to accept this invitation, and I would be most grateful if you could confirm as soon as possible.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Elizabeth Mann Borgese

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From: François BAILET – IOI Canada

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Pages: 1

Phone: ---

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2000

Re: IOI-Training Programme 2000

CC: none

Dear Ambassador Slade,

I am writing to you with reference to Elisabeth Mann Borgese's fax, dated April 1, 2000, inviting you to lecture on June 21 to the 20th session of the I.O.I.'s *Training Programme on the Law of the Sea: Its Implementation and Agenda 21*.

We would be most honored to have you lecture this year and, as you know, it would be in the context of the twentieth anniversary.

As I am beginning to finalize certain arrangements for the Programme, I was wondering if you are in a position to confirm your availability for June 20th to June 23rd ?

I remain at your disposal if you should have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

François N. Bailet
Project Coordinator
International Ocean Institute - Canada

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From: François BAILET – IOI Canada

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Pages: 1

Phone: ---

Date: Friday, May 05, 2000

Re: IOI-Training Itinerary

CC: none

Dear Ambassador Slade,

Let me begin by thanking you again for taking the time to participate in our 20th Training Programme. It is indeed an honor for us and I am certain that the Participants will benefit enormously from your session.

Please be advised that our travel agents have issued you an electronic ticket for your travels to Halifax in the context of your 21 June 2000 lecture to the Training Programme. You will receive all documentation pertaining to your travels directly from our agents: IH MATHIERS TRAVEL.

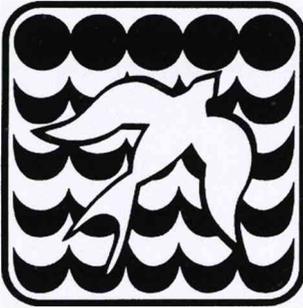
On a personal note, Elisabeth Mann Borgese has asked me to extend an initiation to you for dinner at her residence on the evening of 21 June 2000.

In the meantime, I remain at your disposition.

Respectfully yours,

François N. Bailet
Project Coordinator
International Ocean Institute - Canada

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Phone: ---	Date: Thursday, June 15, 2000
Re: IOI-Training Programme 2000	CC: none

Dear Ambassador Slade,

Please find attached a lecturer information fax-back form which will enable us to prepare for your lecture on June 21, 2000.

On June 20th you will be met at the Halifax International Airport by a car service (Exclusive Limo. – 888-385-8808) which will take you to the Cambridge Suites Hotel (902-420-0555).

At 08h10 on the morning of June 21st, a car service will take you to Dalhousie University for the lecture which is scheduled to begin at 08h30.

As discussed, the lecture format for both the morning and afternoon sessions has been organized as an informal address followed by open discussions with the Participants (*cf.* attached Participant list). The topic for the morning session will focus on the Barbados Programme of Action for Small Island Developing States. The afternoon session has as a focus UNICPOLOS.

Elisabeth Mann Borgese will be participating in both sessions which will be chaired by Dr. Noel Brown.

I will have further details delivered to your hotel for your review.

In the meantime, I remain at your disposal.

Respectfully,

François N. Bailet
Project Coordinator
Assistant Course Director
International Ocean Institute - Canada

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TEACHING AID REQUIREMENTS, PARKING PERMITS**

*Please return this form to IOI - Canada at least one week before your lecture(s).
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Affiliation: _____
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Ms. Vimla Roopchand	Environmental Officer	University of Guyana	Guyana
Dr. Kamran Taremi	International Relations	University of Tehran	Iran
Ms. Casie Jean Graham	Foreign Service Officer	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade	Jamaica
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Dear Mr. Bailet,

IOI-Training Programme 2000

As earlier discussed, please find attached the Personal Data form along with Ambassador Slade's Curriculum Viate for your information and records.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Mission.

Yours sincerely,

Nadine Adjodha
Nadine Adjodha
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Tuiloma Neroni Slade

Ambassador Slade is the Permanent Representative of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations, and concurrently Ambassador to the United States of America and High Commissioner to Canada. He is based in New York. A lawyer by training, Ambassador Slade was formerly Attorney-General of Samoa (1976 - 1982), and prior to his current appointment (since March 1993) was a senior legal adviser with the Commonwealth Secretariat in London from 1983 to 1992.

Ambassador Slade has had long experience in a range of international legal and political issues, in particular those on the law of the sea, environmental law and development, international criminal court, and issues relating to small States. He has participated in many international meetings and activities on these matters. He is Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). As spokesman for AOSIS he has been closely involved as principal negotiator on the climate change and other environmental issues.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Tuiloma Neroni Slade

Qualification/training

LL.B, Barrister and Solicitor (New Zealand)
The Hague Academy of International Law (1971)
UN Legal Office, New York (1971)
Treaty law fellowship, Ottawa (1973)

Work history

Currently
- since 1993

- Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations
- Ambassador to the United States of America
- High Commissioner to Canada

1983-1993 Assistant Director, Legal Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London

1976-1982 Attorney-General of Samoa

1973-1975 Parliamentary Counsel, Government of Samoa

1969-1973 Principal/Legal Counsel, Attorney-General's Office, Government of Samoa

1967-1968 Legal practice, Wellington, New Zealand

General work experience

Currently

- Chairman, Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and
- Co-Chairman, United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea
- Co-Chairman, Joint Work Group on Compliance under the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change
- Member, Advisory Council to the World Bank/Commonwealth Task Force on Small States
- Vice President, Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

1998/1999
1998

- Member, Executive Council, Global Environment Facility (GEF) Coordinator/Working Group chairman, United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court

1996/1998 Chairman, Asian Group working group on United Nations candidature procedural reforms

1997 Moderator/Chairman, South Pacific Forum Seminar on Nuclear Issues, Suva, Fiji

- 1995/1997** - Vice President, Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 1996** - Chairman, Sixth Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change, Suva, Fiji
- Vice Chairman, Permanent Court of Arbitration Working Group on Environmental and Natural Resources Law, The Hague
- Member, Commonwealth Observer Group, Sierra Leone general elections
- Chairman, regional meeting on the Science and Impacts of Climate Change in Pacific Islands, Apia, Samoa
- 1995/1996** Counsel for Samoa before the International Court of Justice in the Requests for Advisory Opinions on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons
- 1995** - Agent for Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands and Samoa in the Application to the International Court of Justice for Intervention in the Nuclear Tests case (New Zealand v. France)
- Chairman, Working Group I, Preparatory Committee of the UN Intergovernmental Conference on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities, Reykjavik, Iceland
- Chairman, South Pacific regional workshop on the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Nadi, Fiji
- 1994** Vice President, Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
- 1993** Member, UN Trusteeship Council Mission to the Trust Territory of Palau
- 1983-1993** Broad range of legal work among Commonwealth countries
- 1992** - Leader, Commonwealth Secretariat support team to the Observer Group to the Constitutional Referendum, Seychelles
- Chairman, Working Group on the University of the South Pacific (USP) Law School syllabus, Vanuatu
- 1990** Member, Commonwealth Secretariat support team to the Election Observer Mission, Malaysia general elections
- 1989** Legal consultant, South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), Honiara, Solomon Islands
- 1986** Chairman, First South Pacific Law Conference, Apia, Samoa
- 1984** Counsel Assisting the International Constitutional Commission of Inquiry on the Banaban people in the Republic of Kiribati
- 1980-1982** Acting Chief Justice of Samoa for interim periods
- 1973-1976** Leader, of Samoa's delegation to the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea

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- Joint-Editor, Commonwealth Law Bulletin (1983-1993)
- Member, Editorial Committee, Law Reports of the Commonwealth (until 1993)
- Compiler/Editor, Western Samoa Law Reports (until 1983)



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June 25, 2000

His Excellency Ambassador Neroni Slade
Permanent Mission of Samoa to the United Nations
New York City, N.Y.

Der Neroni,

As a PS to my fax, here is an interesting piece on the genetic resources of the deep sea-bed and biodiversity in international waters. It surely is a subject that should be considered, although it is a very controversial one. Perhaps we should pursue it informally rather than at UNICPO, at this stage.

Warm regards,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese



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Date: December 17, 2000

My dear Neroni,

Heart-felt congratulations for your reappointment to the co-chair of UNICPOLOS. This is really good news. It's good for the cause!

As I mentioned in my last fax, we intend to contribute 2 research papers, on the two subjects chosen for this year, Suppression of piracy, and technology cooperation and transfer. We have already done a lot of work on both subjects. I think we will also have something on "capacity building" which of course is fundamental for all the issues under consideration.

I had an excellent letter from Klaus Toepfer, and am attaching my answer, because it is relevant for our cooperation with UNICPOLOS.

Again: Merry Christmas and a peaceful, productive 2001! We'll be in touch soon!

Warm regards,

Elisabeth

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Dear Elisabeth,

Thank you very much for your note of 17 December 2000 about UNICPOLOS. As always, you are most kind and generous in what you say.

I have had to undergo a bit of elective surgery, and have been out of circulation for a little while. However, I will be back to normal routine early in the new year. At that time I hope to be able to pass on what plans Alan Simcock and I may have for the second UNICPOLOS session, and perhaps to hear further from you regarding your research papers.

Meanwhile, do please take some time off! I remember well your warm generosity and the wonderful time I had during my visit with you earlier in the year.

I am most grateful to you.

*With very best wishes for Christmas and
the New Year*

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Subject: **Strictly Personal and Confidential**

My dear Neroni,

Several things today.

1. I have seen Gunnar Kullenberg's letter to you, *re* applications for Danielle de StJorre scholarship. It is encouraging indeed that we get so many good applications. Of course we will be grateful if you advise us on the final selection.
2. You have been nominated for membership in the IOI Governing Council, and I would be immensely happy if you could join! It does not imply an awful lot of work -- one meeting a year. Besides, as much activity as you yourself want to devote to it -- not more, not less! Before we can act on the nomination -- which won't be until much late this year, we have first to know whether you would be willing to accept! I am sure, Gunnar will be in touch with you about that.
3. But, speaking about IOI activities, here is my main point today. We are of course aware of the CLCS and the training course that is being developed on CS delimitation. We have discussed the matter also with DOALOS, and it seems, it would really be quite useful and cost-effective if we could offer our network of Operational Centres as regional venues for the delivery of these programmes. I understand that a curriculum is being developed in India, and we simply could use that. Perhaps the Indians want to deliver it themselves, in various places, and that would be quite ok; we could also easily find experts in the different regions, to teach it. But we would have to apply to the Trust Fund to have the modest expenses covered. Of course we could do it much cheaper than if it had to go through Governments. However, as an NGO, we are not in a position to apply.

Now, since the SIDS appear to be particularly interested in the programme, I just wondered whether they could not apply for the funding and suggest that the IOI network could be used as venue for the course delivery. If you could let me know, quite confidentially, what you think about this idea, I would be grateful. But I suppose that any decision will have to wait until after the May meeting of the Commission.

4. But this takes me, quite personally and confidentially, to my last point: I personally believe that this is the wrong approach to solving the problem of delimitation! I think Article 76 is a monstrosity -- a political compromise rather remote from reality. From the very beginning I thought this Article will not have a very long life and the States Parties will have to do something about it eventually. In the paper that we submitted to UNICPOLOS last year, I suggested an alternative solution: Give coastal (or island) States the option to freeze the boundary and agree instead on a joint development or joint management zone between the coastal (or island) State and the Authority, which might cover the area from 300 to 40nm from the baseline -- either temporarily or permanently. With or without this 5-day course, which really cannot achieve terribly much, the cost of determining the boundary in accordance with Article 76 is going to be very high. It is very likely that there will be conflicts between the Commission and some coastal States; it is also likely that unilateral extended claims will undermine the integrity and stability of the Convention. The approach suggested here is in accordance with the development of international law and I think would contribute to maintaining the integrity of the Convention. I am sure the proposal at this time would be dismissed as "premature," but things may well go this way in the future.

What do you think?

We are working hard on a rather comprehensive paper for UNICPOLOS II. You should have it before the end of the month.

Warm regards,

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Subject: documents

Dear Neroni,

Happy New Year!

I am working on various new papers, one on "holistic capacity building" for the next session of the Consultative Process; we also have commissioned a study on intellectual property rights in joint ventures in R&D.

Right now I would need the final versions (1) of the final statement of the co-chairs of the Regional Seas meeting; (2) the Montreal Declaration, with the new para. 8(f) [and (g)?].

Could you be so very kind as to ask your office to send me these — either by fax, to the number as above, or by e-mail, eborgese@compuserve.com.

I would be most grateful.

All the very best, and looking forward to seeng you in April.

Yours ever,

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