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Subject: World Commission on the Oceans

My dear Ronald,

As I mentioned on the phone, I would be most grateful if you could help us in our effort to have Canada play a major role in the Independent World Commission for the Oceans. With the Oceans Act on the table of Parliament, and following up on Minister Tobin's Halifax speech, this would be most timely.

Let me bring you first up to date with regard to the present status of this project:

I am about to leave for Lisbon for a meeting with the Vice Chairmen and President Soares on June 29-30. This meeting should be followed by a press conference with the official announcement of the establishment of the Commission.

We have, at present, 5 Vice Chairmen:

Africa: Layashi Yaker
Asia: Yoshio Suzuki (Nomura Research Institute)
Europe: Guido de Marco
Latin America: Minister Castro (Science and Technology)
North America: Myself

The Commission will have 30 members, a number of "Honourary Members" including Heads of State and "Eminent Persons," associated from time to time.

The list will be more or less finalised in Lisbon this week. I am attaching a first preliminary list

The terms of reference of the Commission are in the brief founding document which you already have, but which I am attaching for your convenience.

We have raised already over one million dollars, which should take us well into the second year of our operations. In the meantime, of course, we shall raise more.

Global hearings (the first ever, on the oceans) are scheduled over the next six months. The Government of China (SOA) already held its hearings, quite successfully, last months. I am responsible for the hearings here in Canada. CIDA (Policy Branch, Lenn Hinds, has promised \$30,000 for this purpose, but yet to be confirmed). I am planning to cooperate with the IDRC oceans network in organising these hearings. I think the Government of Canada will greatly benefit from these hearings which will help to "flesh out" the Oceans Act.

The first Plenary Session of the Commission will take place in Tokyo, at the UNU, on September 5-9.

We have, thus far, three invitations for the Plenary Sessions. The first, in Tokyo; the second, in Rotterdam, the third, in Monaco.

I would like to insert Canada between Rotterdam and Monaco. This would mean, Summer or Autumn (probably Summer) 1996.

All the host countries bear the full cost of the Session which, in Canada, roughly figures, would be in the order of \$200,000.

We would like to associate the Prime Minister with the Commission as Honourary Member, if you think this appropriate. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, or Minister Tobin could be in charge of the Canada (Ottawa? Halifax? Vancouver?) session as Eminent Person.

Whatever you can do to advance this scenario will be most fervently appreciated!

Much love,

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Dear Ronald:

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 Rupert, 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,

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Dear Ronald:

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,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Vice Chair

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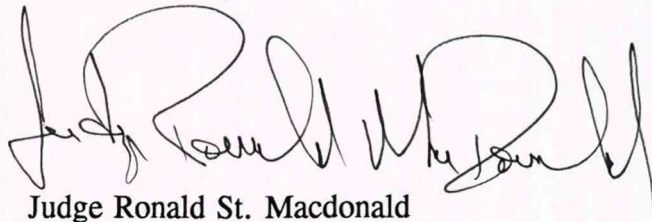
Dear President Soares:

I am writing briefly, but with great pleasure, to accept your kind invitation to join the Independent World Commission for the Oceans.

I have followed with interest and admiration your important work, and of course the contributions of Professor Elisabeth Mann Borgese of the International Ocean Institute, and I regard it as a great honor to be able to work under your distinguished leadership to further the aims and objectives of the Commission.

With cordial good wishes. I remain,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judge Ronald St. Macdonald', written in a cursive style.

Judge Ronald St. Macdonald

cc: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Layashi Yaker