Dear H.E. Bhagwat Singh,

Elisabeth has asked us to pass on to you this voting ballot.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Darlene Manning
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Chairperson, Nominating Committee, NGO/DPI Executive Committee
DPI Resource Center, Room L-1B-31
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
FAX: (212) 963 2819 Attention: Natalie Riccio.

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Selma Sapir, International Council of Psychologists;
Marcella Maxwell, The Links;
Rosa Resnick, International Cultures Foundation;
Jonathan Cohen, UNA/USA;
Joan Comiskey, Pax Christi International.
PRINT THE FULL NAME OF THE VOTING ORGANIZATION ON THE LINE BELOW

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Vote by placing a check on the line to the left of each name.

BALLOT AND SLATE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

There are five positions opened for members at large. Please vote for five.

_________ - Sherrill Kazan Alvarez de Toledo, Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional
_________ - Larry Gell, World Safety Organization
_________ - Vernon Nichols, NGO Committee on Disarmament
_________ - Dorris Weiss, Economists Allied for Arms Reduction
_________ - Estelle Perry, Center for UN Reform Education

The following officers and members are presently serving. Do not vote for them.
* Chair - Dr. Elaine Valdov, Pathways to Peace*
* Vice-Chair - Dr. Christine Durbak, World Information Transfer
* Vice-Chair - Monica Willard, Ribbon International
* Secretary - Ms. Doris Schapira, League of Women Voters
* Treasurer - Dr. David Brook, International Public Policy Institute
* Member - Dr. Ronald Parris, Ralph Bunche Institute of International Studies
* Member - Dr. Natalie Riccio, International Council on Social Welfare
* Member - Dr. Selma Sapir, International Council of Psychologists
* Member - Margie Joy Walden, Asociacion Cultural Sejeko de Costa Rica

* Executive Committee By-laws state that current members of the Executive Committee continuing for one more year must be identified on the ballot.

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Write-in Candidates: If an organization wishes to propose a write-in candidate, please do so in the space below. Provide the candidate's name, organization and identify the position for which you propose this candidate.

POSITION | NAME | ORGANIZATION

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Dear Ms. Mann Borgese,

I am writing to extend an invitation to you on behalf of the United Nations Association of Australia (Queensland Division), to participate in our 1998 "International Year for the Ocean Asia-Pacific Conference" as a speaker in the "economic" stream. It would be our sincere pleasure to have you address the conference delegates on a theme regarding the world's oceans and relevant economic issues.

The United Nations declared 1998 as the International Year for the Ocean on 16 November 1993. Our association has responsibility for the year's events in Australia and are currently developing a programme which will culminate in the Conference in southeast Queensland (near Brisbane) from 24-27 September, 1998. The Conference has been organized into three main themes to reflect current issues related to ocean and maritime activities: Peace and Security, the Environment, and Economics.

Your support would be greatly appreciated and we look forward to your reply. Should you require further information or have additional queries, please do not hesitate to contact our office; alternatively I can be contacted through my e-mail address: k.singletoncambage@mailbox.uq.edu.au. Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Krista Singleton-Cambage

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3 November, 1997

Dear Dr. Mann Borgese,

I am writing with regard to your fax dated 7 October, 1997. Thank you very much for your prompt reply, and especially for your interest in our 1998 Asia/Pacific International Year for the Oceans Conference.

At this time, our association is not able to determine our financial capability to assist speakers in attending the conference. We are presently attempting to solicit sponsorship and government assistance which would enable us to subsequently offer funding. As soon as we know the financial arrangements for the conference I will write back to you with the relevant details, most likely early next year.

I hope that these arrangements are agreeable to you, and would again like to thank you for your interest and attention. We very much look forward to your participation in the conference, and will make every attempt to assist your contribution. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Krista Singleton-Cambage
Dear Dr. Mann Borgese,

Please find enclosed a brochure for the International Year of the Ocean Asia-Pacific Conference to be held in Brisbane next month. I thought that you might be interested in how the conference has turned out, further to our correspondence earlier this year.

I contacted Professor Gold some time ago, and unfortunately, he is unable to attend the conference. Nevertheless, thank you for your suggestion.

I hope that we may meet up at some point in the future, as my academic work (I am in the final stages of completing my PhD dissertation) is in the area of international environmental law. Thank you again for your continued interest.

Best wishes,

Krista Singleton-Cambage
Please return this Registration Form by Friday, 11th September, 1998.

1998 Conference

25-26 September 1998

International Year of the Ocean Asia-Pacific Conference, Brisbane, Australia.

Registrations can be sent to the United Nations Association of Australia (Qld), PO Box 2008, Kelvin Grove QLD 4059
Telephone/Fax +61 7 3356 2828
Email: unaaqld@powerup.com.au

International Year of the Ocean Asia-Pacific Conference
Brisbane, Australia
26 September 1998

Hosted by:
United Nations Association of Australia (Qld)
In recognition of the importance of the ocean, the marine environment and its resources for life on earth and for sustainable development, the United Nations has declared 1998 as the International Year of the Ocean. This provides a window of opportunity for governments, organisations and individuals to become aware of the ocean situation and to consider the actions needed to undertake our common responsibility to sustain the greatest common heritage we have and without which we cannot exist (UNESCO).

The United Nations Association Australia (Qld) is organising a conference which aims to raise awareness about the policy, legal, environmental and management issues pertaining to the marine environment. Peace and security, the environment, and economics comprise the main conference themes regarding current maritime issues in the Asia-Pacific region. Regional and local issues in Queensland will also be specifically addressed. Other specific issues discussed at the conference include: Indigenous Australians and marine and coastal rights, protection of the marine environment in south-east Asia; peace and security in the Asia-Pacific; economic implications of regulation of fisheries; the coastal zone and sand rights; capacity building; the implication for Queensland of Australia's Oceans Policy, and much more.

The conference dinner on Friday 25th September 1998 will include the Evatt Memorial Lecture. The Conference and the Conference Dinner will be held at the Brisbane Convention Centre, Cnr. Glenelg & Merrivale Streets, South Brisbane.

Speakers and Chairpersons so far include: Commodore Jack McCaffrie, Director General Naval Corporate Management; Commodore Sam Bateman, Executive Director, Centre for Maritime Police, University of Wollongong; Dr Peter Chalk, Lecturer in International Relations, University of Queensland; Mr Howard Bamsey, Deputy Secretary, Environment Australia; Dr Tongroj Onchan, President, Thailand Environment Institute; Mr Les Malezer, General Manager, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action; Mr Orville Magoon, President, Coastal Zone Foundation, California; and Dr Ian Tibbitts, School of Marine Science, University of Queensland.
Dear Ambassador,

I am writing to you with regard to the above-mentioned subject. Perhaps you know that, on behalf of the International Ocean Institute, we have been promoting a proposal for the establishment of a “Committee of the Whole” of the General Assembly to deal effectively and comprehensively with issues of ocean affairs and the law of the sea -- with UNCLOS in its interaction with the ocean-related parts of the UNCED Conventions, Agreements, and Programmes. I have elaborated on this in my Report to the Club of Rome, *The Oceanic Circle*. I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of this book.

Recently I received the two “nonpapers” distributed by the Delegation of Finland on behalf of the EU, and had the following comments:

The longer document, dated 6. 9. 99 is not a bad beginning. I think its limitation is that it considers this “informal consultative process” as a “product” rather than a “process.” It seems to me the understanding at CSD7 had been that this group should further study the modalities of putting something more permanent -- though not a new institution -- into place.

The other paper (“Work Programme of the ICP”) is even weaker. To limit this work -- even initially -- to a consideration of the issues involved in sustainable fishing and marine pollution is really meaningless. *By themselves* these issues are looked after quite efficiently in other, specialized fora such as FAO and UNEP, and we need not duplicate
their work. What is needed, instead, is a place where we can discuss these, and other, issues in their interaction, such as for instance, the overlaps between the Law of the Sea Convention and the Biodiversity and Climate Conventions -- and how to deal with these! It is these sort of issues that can be dealt with only at the level of the General Assembly.

My strategy would be not to consider the Finnish proposal and our proposal as alternatives. I would go with the Finnish proposal and consider it as a step towards the realization of (something of the sort of) our proposal. I would consider the Finnish proposal as a process as indicated in its very name. Then we act within this process. And it is within this process that we should form an alliance with the SIDS, and, first of all, criticize the limitation of the “work programme” to fisheries and pollution. That really misses the bus of “comprehensiveness” and “coordination”!

We would like to offer our assistance with any research you may require in this connection. The establishment of the sort of “forum” at the GA level is essential if we want to move towards “integrated ocean and coastal management.” It will be a long and hard way to get there, and I believe that “alliances” between an organisation like AOSIS and an NGO like the International Ocean Institute may be helpful.

I hope I will have an opportunity to meet with you personally when I come to New York next time, which certainly will be before the end of the year.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Professor
Dear Ms. Borgese,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I should like to thank you for your kind letter dated 31 January 1999.

The Secretary-General is grateful to you for sending him a dedicated copy of The Oceanic Circle: Governing the Seas as a Global Resource. Your gesture is esteemed and deeply appreciated by the Secretary-General. It will surely contain many new ideas and fresh points of view. I have been asked by the Secretary-General to convey to you his best wishes for continued success in all your worthy endeavours.

Sincerely yours,

Gillian Martin Sorensen
Assistant-Secretary-General for External Relations

Ms. Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Professor
Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia
June 23, 1993

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Dear Elisabeth Mann-Borgese,

Enclosed please find a copy of the report from last November's conference of the Independent Commission on the Future of the United Nations.

The report is being sent to all conference participants, selected Canadian civil servants and Members of Parliament, other Canadian academics with an interest in UN issues and United Nations representatives.

The Independent Commission on the Future of the United Nations will continue to function as a national experts dialogue on UN reform issues. The next iteration of the project will attempt to organize study and discussion around topics more sharply focused than those reflected in the seven Working Groups of last November's conference. We will be in touch with you soon to solicit your views on topics for future study.

Kind regards,

Fergus Watt
WFC Exec. Dir.
ICFUN Coordinator

Sponsoring Organizations/Organismes de parrainage: Group of 78, Center for Research on International Organizations (Université d'Ottawa), United Nations Association in Canada, World Federalists of Canada (coordinating sponsor/coordinateur).
Dear Elisabeth,

I am tempted by the idea of spending a weekend with you and other IOI colleagues in Jamaica in August. I would not be able to contribute much to the scientific discussion but could share with you the experience of the Climate Change Convention process, which may be relevant to your discussion of the future shape of the International Sea-bed Authority.

I look forward to receiving the background paper and will let you know soon if I will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Zammit Cutajar

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