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October 19, 1994

Dear Elisabeth,

I regret that it has taken us so long to answer your fax of 15 September to Mr. MacNeill but things have been pretty busy around here.

Unfortunately, neither your letter to Shepard Forman nor his negative response got into specific issues. Without such a dialogue, it is difficult to know where to go from here. The only thought we have at present is that, if you agree, you might ask specifically for \$30,000 to support one of the regional hearings mentioned in your fax. This would give the Ford Foundation a sense of what the Commission is trying to achieve. Please let me know your views on this.

We look forward to receiving a proposal from you and Mr. Warioba on the relationship between the Law of the Sea and the Agenda 21 for Development. Perhaps, it is best to hold our comments till we receive this proposal. With respect to proposed funding for the regional hearings, it would also be useful to receive more details after your Malta meeting. In a way, UNDP is already supporting these hearings through its efforts to build up, the capabilities of these regional centres, and at the same time raise their profiles for other purposes.

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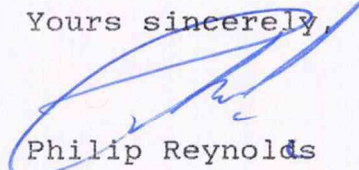
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For your information I enclose a feasibility study on the Small Development States Technical Assistance Programme (SIDS/TAP). It is possible that one or more regional hearings might be supported as TCDC activities. Again, we would welcome your views on this possibility.

I hope that we can maintain this dialogue and look forward to hearing the results of your Malta meeting.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Philip Reynolds
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To: Mr. Philip Reynolds
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: November 3, 1994

Subject: Regional hearings

Dear Phil,

I was delighted to hear that things are moving. And now, here, as promised some additional information about our plans for the "hearings."

I do realise that the schedule is tight, and that there may be some need for flexibility. But we have the advantage of a highly decentralised system. It is not that WE have to organise nine hearings all over the world in that span of time: Each Centre, situated in an important institution, will do that on its own -- in cooperation, each one, with one of the Vice Presidents. The schedule, as we envisage it would run like this:

December, 1994: Preparation, by the Secretariat, of the guidelines.
Note: in the preparation of these guide lines, Jim could be immensely helpful. I hope I may be permitted to call on him and pick his brain and benefit from his experience.

January, 1995: Meeting of Vice Presidents + President, in Lisbon, to approve guidelines (among other things);

January/March: Each Centre will prepare a list of people to be invited to the hearings. The hearings will also be advertised in the local newspapers, inviting people to come forward and send comments on the questions that will be included in the advertisements. People to be interviewed should be users: Fishermen's coops., managers of ports and harbours; sea captains; offshore oil drilling companies; tourism

organisations; marine scientists, environmental NGOs; local and national authorities, etc.

March/April: Each Centre will have its hearings

May/july: Each Centre computerizes and analyses results and prepares its Report.

August: Secretariat synthesizes all reports for September Plenary Session.

The purpose of the hearings should be multiple:

- . Through the advertisements and public discussions, they should have an educational and consciousness-raising effect.
- . They should make an important contribution to the work of the Commission.
- . They should yield important material for the training programmes.
- . They might open new channels for local funding (especially from the private sector).
- . They should contribute to developing and strengthening the institutional infrastructure of the Centres.

I think that is about as much as I can say at this point. I do have some personal ideas as to the questions that might be asked; but these ideas are not yet mature.

Thanks for all your help.

Yours as ever,

Elizabeth



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Date: 8 March, 1995

Subject: Letter from Federico Mayor

Dear Phil,

It was good to hear you. I think everything is really developing quite well.

Attached, as promised, the letter received from the DG of UNESCO. I am really happy with it. It guarantees the high quality of the scientific contribution to the Commission's work, which, of course, is of fundamental importance.

I am also attaching copy of my "position paper" for the Social Summit. This has generated a lot of extremely positive reactions, including comments and proposals from my favoured economist, Orio Giarini of the Club of Rome, which may also result in useful inputs into the work of the Commission.

It will be good to see you again in Malta on May 25-27.

Much love,

Elisabeth



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11 March, 1995

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USA

Dear Phil,

Here is the draft for the background paper for the hearings. We are sending them to a few experts for advice and improvements.

Alicia Barcena is very keen on these hearings and will fully cooperate. She needs them too, as we are dealing with the implementation of Chapter 17 of Agenda 21 --which, in turn, requires, as well as serves, the implementation of the Law of the Sea Convention. Alicia needs to get something ready for the Sustainable Development Commission for 1996 --so we do it together. I am on my way to Costa Rica now, to see how we put it together.

I would be most grateful to have your suggestions as well.

All the best,

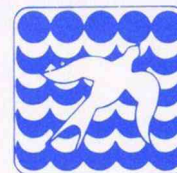
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: 24 March, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Phil,

I am just back from Jamaica and Costa Rica. The Seabed Authority is pretty sad, as expected.

Costa Rica was quite marvellous. IOI is doing well. Its first workshop is taking shape, and course development is going on. Pacem in Maribus and the hearings are giving it a big boost and spur. There is real enthusiasm about it in Costa Rica. Pacem in Maribus, on the theme: *Ocean Governance: Potential Contributions to the Secretary-General's Agenda for Peace* is just exactly right for Costa Rica at this very moment! They have started an awareness campaign for the oceans. 1996 will be declared the Costa-Rican Year of the Oceans; a number of events are being planned for 1995, and Pacem in Maribus, at the end of the year, will be the culmination. The Conference will be declared to be "in the national interest of Costa Rica," which means, contributions to it are tax exempt; there will be air line reductions, visa facilitations, a financial contribution and all sorts of other advantages. There is national organising committee, and the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs as well as the Vice Minister for Energy, Mines, and Resources, who is responsible for the Environment, will be members of the Organising Committee. So will be Alicia Barcena and Lorena San Roman. The President of the Republic will open the Conference. Former President Oscar Arias will make a speech and be Honourary President of the Conference.

Since it is IOI's initiative and IOI-Costa Rica is responsible and will also make an important research contribution to the Conference, on ongoing efforts to make of the Caribbean and the South Atlantic Zones of Peace, it will give us a lot of visibility and strengthen the organisation.

Both the Earth Council and the Government will fully cooperate with the Hearings about which they are equally enthusiastic. They will cover the Caribbean, Central and South America. I am attaching a letter, just received from Jim MacNeill, which made me very happy. We have now very comprehensive lists of people to be asked to send statements and/or to be interviewed at all our Centres. The lists include our 1,200 alumni --but are of course far more comprehensive. But I find it gratifying to see how one can build on what is already done!

The first meeting of Vice Presidents of the World Commission will take place on April 10 and 11. Krishan has prepared a most impressive documentation. We are setting up a Trust Fund in Malta.

I do hope the UNDP contribution will come as soon as possible. I will give you the details about the Trust Fund as soon as I have them.

All the best,

Yours as ever,

E. Lovell



4 April 1995

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Dear Elizabeth,

Many thanks for your letter of 11 March and the draft background note on the Independent World Commission for the Seas and the Oceans. Since this has drawn positive comments from no less an expert than Jim McNeil, I will not present lengthy comments. Nevertheless, I have a few thoughts which might be of interest and use.

On page 21 and thereafter it might be useful to provide the name of the programme in chapter 17, rather than just the number. As you know, a continuing concern of mine has been how the UN agencies will be able to make an input into the work of the Commission. This process is not really clear from your background paper, or from anything I have heard to date. At the same time you may wish to supplement the list of existing UN sister agencies relating to the ocean to include UNDP, the World Bank and regional development banks. You may also wish to indicate that UN agencies collaborate through the ACC Subcommittee for Ocean and Coastal Areas.

I am still pursuing possible support for your regional hearings and will get back to you when I have something specific to report. In the mean time, good luck with this challenging initiative.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Reynolds'.

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Date: 8 May, 1995

Subject: Funding for Hearings

Dear Phil,

Here it is. Is it convincing?

I do hope so!

Much love,

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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: 15 June, 1995

Subject: **Hearings**

Dear Phil,

Here is some excellent news and a request, if it can be accepted:

The good news is that Ambassador Yaker is just back from a meeting with Minister Jan Pronk (Development Cooperation) in the Hague, and Jan Pronk confirmed:

. A general contribution of \$300,000 to the work of the Commission.

He added:

. An invitation for a Plenary Session of the Commission in Rotterdam (\$300,000);

. Support for a high-level staff member, recruited in the Netherlands and added to the Commission Secretariat;

This whole package is worth about \$700,000 or more.

I am presently working on the German financial contribution.

We already have \$420,000 confirmed from the Sasakawa Foundation. \$120,000 are for the hearings in Asia which are all being organised by Dr. Suzuki, our excellent Asian Vice chairman and new Board Member. Hearings in Australia and New Zealand

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4. The first Plenary Session of the Commission is scheduled for September 5 - 8 in Tokyo at the UNU.
 5. Hearings have already taken place in China. They were organised by SOA
 6. The Sasakawa Foundation has confirmed its contribution of \$420,000 for the work of the Commission. \$120,000 of this grant will be spent on the Hearings for the Commission; \$300,000 are destined for the Plenary Session in Tokyo.
 7. Minister Jan Pronk of the Netherlands has just confirmed the following support package:
 - (a) A general contribution of \$300,000
 - (b) an invitation to host one Plenary Session in Rotterdam (\$300,000)
 - (c) support for a high level staff member to be recruited in the Netherlands and put at the disposal of the Commission Secretariat. We will make him/her responsible for the Hearings around the Baltic and the North Sea.
 8. Layashi Yaker is presently in Monaco to negotiate a contribution. Prince Rainier, who received Layashi and myself a few weeks ago, has already expressed his enthusiastic support for the Commission.
 9. I am presently negotiating support from the German Federal Republic.
 10. Our total budget, until 1998, is just above \$4 million.

And now comes my request: Would it be possible at all for you to confirm your contribution for the hearings prior to my departure for Lisbon on June 28? It would be tremendously helpful and I would be most grateful.

I would like to stress again the importance of these hearings and their capacity-building and institution-enhancing potential as far as our 4 GEF supported operational centres are concerned. Our Centre in China (supported by the Sasakawa Foundation) gained quite a bit of visibility through the hearings, which go headlines in the Chinese press.

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Our GEF project is presently being evaluated. The excellent evaluator, Dr. Danny Elder, made strong recommendation for *regional needs assessments* as a basis for the

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are also being organised, in cooperation with Robin South.

It also seems that another \$300,000 are being raised in Japan for "international hearings" some time in 1996.

I would like to stress once more the extraordinary importance of these hearings as *the most cost-effective vehicle for the needs assessment for our training programmes as well as for our future research programmes --in line with Danny's recommendations.*

My request therefore would be: Would it be possible at all for you to get Gus Speth's promised grant confirmed before I have to leave for the meeting of Vice Chairmen with President Soares on June 30? (I have to leave here on June 28)? That would be most helpful and I would be most grateful.

As to Danny's other recommendations, I agree entirely with Krishan's reactions: We accept all these recommendations. I suppose that the first parts of the evaluation will give a description of what has been achieved, and I fervently hope that Danny's first-hand experience does not depart too far from Krishan's own evaluation which I found excellent.

I am attaching a fax I am sending to Gus Speth.

Much love and thanks for everything,

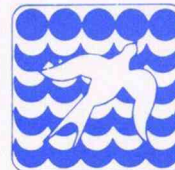
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Date: 10 July, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Phil,

here we go again. Do you have any news? I hope and hope and hope this matter will get settled soon!

Other things, in the near future. I have some comments on the Evaluation with which, on the whole, I very much agree. But it is a rather formidable job to evaluate this project!

I am sending you today copy of my new book *Ocean Governance and the United Nations*.

All the very best,

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth



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Date: 18 August 1995

Comments:

Once again, I am sorry that UNDP couldn't offer financial support to the Regional Hearing for your **World Commission for the Oceans**.

In the spirit of finding other ways to support your initiative, I'd like to share with you the name and address of Alan Simcock, who appears to be the contact point for Lord Lindsay, in respect of a proposed global panel on the oceans, which may be discussed at a workshop in the U.K. in November. It would be extremely useful if you and Alan had a chance to speak about your common interests.

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With kind regards.

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Date: 28 October 1995
Subject: World Commission

Dear Phil,

I know you have been away. I am just back from Malta, China and Japan. Things are moving very nicely.

Attached please find my recent letter to Gus Speth. I have also copied it to Jim McNeill. I hope we can get some action soon now.

The budget has been revised in accordance with Layashi Yaker's suggestions. But we will move as soon as we have one million assured.

Love

Elisabeth