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To: Dr. Alicia Barcena
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: May 15, 1994

Subject: Commission

Dear Alicia,

We have been out of touch for a while, but everything in Costa Rica is proceeding extremely well. As you know, Krishan Saigal has been down there just now, and everything is on course.

In the meantime I have also gone ahead with Robert Muller's idea to establish an Independent World Commission for the Seas and Oceans, and the initial reactions have been very enthusiastic. I do think Malta will go ahead with it, and also host one of the meetings; President Soares of Portugal has already agreed to join, and we are about to launch the thing officially.

I have linked it up with PIM XXII and our operational centres in such a way that each should benefit from the other and that, even if the Commission should *not* get off the ground that fast, most of the project would be implemented in any case in the context of PIM XXII.

So here it is.

You were kind enough to agree already to participate in the panel on sustainable development in Madras. I hope this panel will raise some rather fundamental issues. There will be members who will say that the whole concept is a hoax and that it merely serves as a label for Big Industry to continue to produce for a consumers society. So please be prepared for that!



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But today I would like to ask you to expand a bit, and write the paper outlined under point 3., on p. 7 in such a way that it could also serve as an input for the World And. This project, even in the unlikely case that it remains a sub-project of PIM XXII, will yield a volume by itself in any case; so I would like you paper to go deep, even into the philosophical level! We would need the paper early in September, so it can be circulated prior to the Malta workshop.

Will you have time for that? I hope and pray, because you could do it better than anybody else.

And, of course, we not only want (need) you in Madras, we also need you at the workshop in Malta, first week of October. Please put that on your calendar.

What are your travel plans during the next months? Will anything bring you to North America between June and August?

I am asking because our training programme here is on from June 6 to August 12, and if you were around, we would like to create an occasion for you to rehearse your paper!

Do let me know soonest possible.

Please give my love to Ron. Is it true that he has a new love?

Yours as ever,

E. Gray

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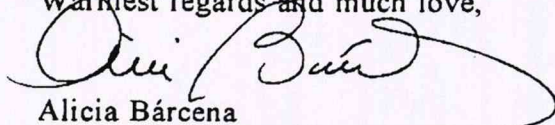
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Dear Elisabeth,

I am delighted to know that you are coming to Costa Rica but very sorry that I will not be here. I made commitments to be in Washington on the 20th and need the 19th to get there. I am most disappointed for this since I wanted very much to see you and discuss about the Pacem in Maribus meeting in Costa Rica. Our Earth Council meeting will fall on the first 10 days of November and will be held in Geneva so hopefully the PIM could be on late November or early December. The global hearings linked to the **World Commission for the Oceans** seems most interesting and I would be happy to participate. As you know the CSD session in 1996 will be mainly devoted to Oceans and the revision of Chapter 17 so this process could also be linked to this.

I am terribly sorry that I will miss you but you know that my heart and the best of my capacity will be devoted to the above activities.

Warmest regards and much love,


Alicia Bárcena



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Subject: Pacem in Maribus and Hearings

My dear Alicia,

it was sad to miss you in Costa Rica, but Ronald, as always, did a wonderful job, helping and making everything so very pleasant and, I think, things are moving quite well.

As far as the Pacem in Maribus conference is concerned, a Committee has been formed within the University which will be responsible for all arrangements within the University. The coordinator of the faculty committee is Professor Mayrand Rios, International Relations, an excellent person. A wider Organising Committee, comprising representatives of other institutions, the private sector, etc. will be formed now. I was most happy to hear that you have accepted to be part of this Committee. I think your participation will be of crucial importance. Ronald would act as your alternate when you are not available. The Vice Minister for the Environment, Mr. Gonzales and the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs are also ready to join.

We had an excellent talk with Mr. Gonzales. His face literally lit up when we informed him about the Conference and the Hearings, because of a wonderful coincidence. The President of Costa Rica, as you know, is an ocean man, even a diver. The Government is fully aware of the importance of the oceans but also realizes that this importance is not generally recognized, and that marine resources tend to be neglected. Thus the Government has decided to declare 1996 the Costa-Rican Year of the Oceans, and a number of events are planned for 1995 to generate greater awareness of the importance of the oceans. Our programme is a real windfall for him. The Conference

will be declared as an initiative "in the national interest of Costa Rica," which will give us a number of advantages, with regard to visa, reductions on the air line, tax exemption on donations for the conference, as well as direct support, including quite possibly financial support. The Vice Minister is most happy to join the organising committee and help in every way he can. The President of the Republic most likely will inaugurate the conference. The Vice Minister will also try to organise a special trip to the Isla del Coco, which seems to be one of the marvels of this world. This visit should happen on December 2, with the opening of the conference on December 3. The Minister will also fully cooperate with the Hearings which are as useful to his Ministry as they are to our World Commission. We have an excellent background paper (written by Krishan Saigal) for the hearings. I left a copy with Ronald.

Robert Muller is also ready to participate in the Committee; so is the Honourary Consul of Malta, Dr. David Rubin, a quite interesting man.

Lorena San Roman will also join. She works full time as National Coordinator for Project Bolivar. This is interesting indeed and she reacted most positively to my suggestion that Project Bolivar should have a marine component, just as Eureka --the European model for Project Bolivar --has Euromar. She might talk about that at Pacem in Maribus, in the context of "Economic Security" and "confidence building" to which Project Bolivar certainly could make a contribution.

She also was very helpful on the practical side: She introduced to us a professional conference organizer who will greatly lighten the burden for the University.

We had an excellent meeting with Oscar Arias, who very kindly received us in spite of the fact that he was quite sick with the flu and suffering from asthma. He was very enthusiastic about the conference and accepted to speak at the inaugural session and is also ready to accept to be the Honourary President of the Conference.

I think these are the most important points. I am sure Ronald can fill you in on details, but these were three excellent days, and there is a lot that can be done.

In a few days I am going to send you my background paper for the Conference.

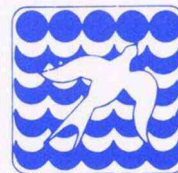
All the very best and much love,

Elizabeth



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Date: 19 June, 1995

Subject: World Commission, PIM XXIII, etc.

Dear Alicia,

We have been out of touch for too long.

And there is so much to be done! We really need your help. In particular, on two matters now:

1. I think on this first point you had already agreed in principle: We would like you to prepare a paper on "environmental security" for PIM XXIII. You have seen the background paper; you have seen the agenda. We really need your contribution on this. Could you confirm it, so that we can schedule it?
2. This second point is more complex than the first! It concerns the Central American hearings for the World Commission. You do have the background paper for that as well. In any case, you can get it immediately from Alejandro Guierrez. I would be so grateful if you could take this thing into your hands, as a member of our Governing Board and a member of the World Commission. Alejandro simply does not have this sort of experience. I think your husband could be immensely helpful. So, of course, can Ron Leger, with whom I discussed this matter when I was in Costa Rica last. We do have a little money for it (\$30,000), which is supposed to come from UNDP.

Hearings have already been conducted in China. They are scheduled in Japan, in the South Pacific, in India, in Australia, in New Zealand, in the Mediterranean,

in Canada, in Africa. Japan has raised funding for all the hearings in Asia, and Dr. Yoshio Suzuki, our Asian Vice Chairman, is enormously active in coordinating everything.

I am convinced these hearings are as important for the Earth Council as they are for the World Commission. Next year Chapter 17 of Agenda 21 will be on the agenda of the CSD, and certainly you will want to contribute something to this discussion. The hearings will give you the grass roots input! I have always envisaged this as a real joint venture.

What else are you preparing on the oceans for the CSD? I would like to have as much cooperation with you as possible, also on the research side. Is there something we can commission from you? Is there something you can commission from us?

I am leaving on June 28 for our meeting with the World Commission Vice Chairmen and President Soares. So if you could react to this SOS before then, that would be most helpful.

All the very best,

Yours as ever,

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Subject: World Commission on the Oceans

My dear Alicia,

A little progress report on my part is long overdue --and here it is.

To sum up: everything is going extremely well.

I have just returned from Lisbon, from a meeting with President Soares, and the Independent World Commission on the Oceans has been established, under his chairmanship. The purpose of the Commission will be, as you know:

- . to focus world attention on the importance of sustainable ocean development and the law of the sea;
- . to observe the process of ratification, implementation and progressive development of the Law of the Sea Convention, at national, regional, and global levels;
- . to examine whether States, especially developing countries, are able to fulfil their duties, enjoy their rights and generate their benefits under the Convention; to analyze the difficulties they might encounter, and to propose ways and means to overcome them;

- . to observe the process of implementation of Chapter 17 of Agenda 21, at national, regional and global levels, and the function of the Convention in this process (legal framework; peaceful settlement of disputes; enforcement);
- . to follow the development of regional programmes of cooperation and development in the marine sector and examine how they adjust to the new requirements of integrated ocean management and sustainable development;
- . to examine the role of the Law of the Sea and ocean development in the process of restructuring the United Nations system as a whole for the 21st century and elaborate proposals to strengthen this role.

There is an Executive Committee of 5 members as follows:

Africa: Ambassador Layashi Yaker, Algeria
 Asia: Dr. Yoshio Suzuki, Japan (NRI)
 Europe: Minister Guido de Marco, Malta
 Latin America: Minister Jose Vargas, Brazil
 North America: Dr. Elisabeth Mann Borgese, Canada

The first official session of the Executive Committee and the First Plenary Session of the Commission will take place in Tokyo, on September 5 through 8 this year. The official announcement of the establishment of the Commission will be made on the occasion of this First Session.

Apart from establishment and procedural matters, this session will have to consider and adopt an information note and brief message to the 50th General Assembly of the U.N., as well as guidelines for a somewhat substantive interim report to the CSD in April. This interim report will then have to be adopted by the second Plenary, in Europe, in February 1996. We have two invitations: from the Government of the Netherlands, and from Monaco; we also have one from Brazil.

Funders have indeed responded most generously. Jan Pronk is contributing \$300,000 to begin with; he is also seconding a high-level professional to the Secretariat; and he has invited us and is paying for a Plenary in Rotterdam, which means another \$300,000 or thereabouts. In Japan they have raised half a million dollars instantly,

and they are ready to raise more. Brazil has pledged \$100,000 immediately, plus the invitation for a Plenary; Monaco, Malta, UNDP, all have made pledges. The project is financed well into its second year, to start with. As a matter of fact, I am rather amazed how well this project is being received!

by 1997 we should have the Report basically ready: It will consist of three volumes: Vol.1, the Report itself; Vol.2 The Reports by our Operational Centres on the Hearings; Vol.3, working papers which will have been commissioned.

This material will be launched in 1998, the Year of the Oceans, in Lisbon, in the context of their great Ocean Expo. Probably President Soares will get some sort of Ocean Assembly together, for a first discussion of the Report.

Now, to the point: Rumour has it that you may be leaving Costa Rica by the end of this year. of course we want to keep you as a Member of the Commission as well as of the Governing Board of IOI. Of course we want to make sure that you will attend Pacem in Maribus XXIII and give us a paper on the contribution of ocean governance, and, in particular, of Agenda 21, to the enhancement of "Environmental Security" and the implementation of the Secretary-General's Agenda for Peace. He does indeed include "Environmental Security" as an essential part of peace and security.

We also would like to continue and concretize our cooperation with the Earth Council on the Hearings on the oceans, which I think, will be as useful to you as they are to us.

As far as I know, there never have been hearings on the oceans, and they will make a basic contribution to the work of the Commission. They will be conducted under the responsibility of our Vice Chairmen who will cooperate with the IOI operational Centres in India, China, Japan, Fiji, Senegal, Costa Rica, Malta, and Canada. China has already had its hearings. The others are all ready to go ahead. We have an excellent background paper, with questions. Hearings will be held also in Australia and New Zealand, in the Persian Gulf (organized by Qatar) and in Malaysia and I think Thailand.

If you can help us, not only in Costa Rica but also in other places, and we share the results of the hearings, I think we will all gain from this cooperation.

You will soon receive an official invitation from President Soares for the Tokyo session.

Do let me have your reaction as soon as possible. I shall be at home until July 23. Then I have to go to the Baltic and to Jamaica (Seabed Authority).

All the best, and much love,

Elna

P.S. I am usually at home in the morning (phone, 902 868 2818, fax 902 868 2455) and in the evening after 6:00.



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Dear Alicia:

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.

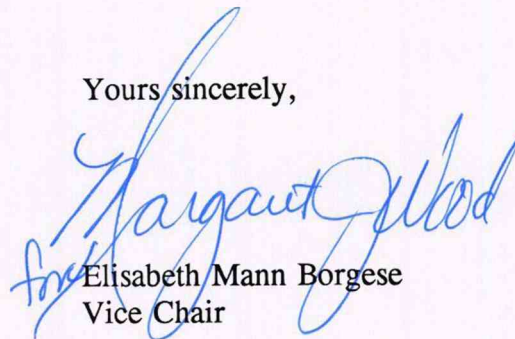
I very much hope it will be possible for you to join us in Tokyo. This first session of the Commission is of fundamental importance for the orientation and organisation of our work, and I am convinced that this Commission has a unique opportunity to offer a "vision" and make a long-term contribution 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
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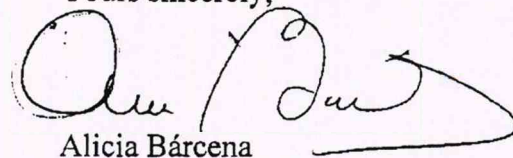
Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to attend the first Plenary Session of the Independent World Commission on Oceans on September 6 to 8 in Tokyo.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to attend the meeting due to prior engagements. I know that it is very important to orient the newly established commission, but unfortunately I am unable to accommodate the meeting in my schedule. I do hope that you will keep me informed of your activities, and of the outcome of the first meeting, because I remain extremely interested in issues related to ocean policy.

Thank you again. With best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



Alicia Bárcena



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Date: 5 August, 1995

Subject: **World Commission**

Dearest Alicia,

Of course it is sad that you cannot come to Tokyo, but we understand the situation. However, you might be helpful in another way.

I know that Earth Council has coordinated a number of regional meetings with regard to the implementation of Agenda 21.

What are the results with regard to Chapter 17 and, if possible, with regard to technology transfer, scientific research, human resources development in so far as the oceans are concerned? Could someone in your office summarize that quickly for our Tokyo Session? It would be quite tremendously helpful.

I am looking forward to seeing you in December, if not before, and, of course, we shall keep you fully posted on the results of the Tokyo session.

Much love,

Elisabeth