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INDEPENDENT WORLD COMMISSION ON THE OCEANS

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Dear Professor Rajagopalan:

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.

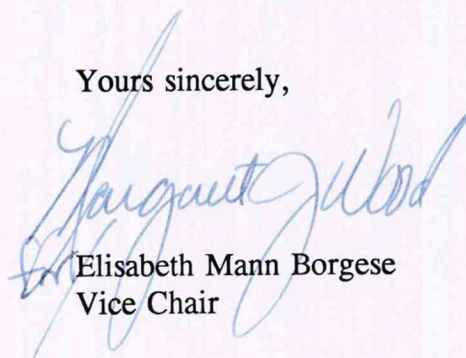
A set of documentation for the meeting will be sent within the next two weeks.

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
Vice Chair



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Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Dear Elisabeth,

I am enclosing one set of all the material we have prepared for our World Commission activities. I know that there has been some delay in this work, but I have been under tremendous pressure having to do a lot of work in my department.

You will notice that I am trying to do two things through IWCO work :

1. A survey of the views of about 1500 individuals in the Indian Ocean region who are in one way or other connected with Ocean Affairs.
2. A Directory of Institutions and Organizations in the Indian Ocean Region engaged in any aspect of Ocean Affairs. We are mailing the questionnaire to about 500 such institutions.

I propose to hold the hearings in two or three places in the first week of August 1996. Dr. Saigal is willing to be present at these hearings.

I would like to have your comments on the material we have prepared and any advice regarding the hearings.

I have today received a message from Prof. Warioba. He has been appointed chairman of Tanzania's National Anti-Corruption Commission and will not be able to come to Madras for five weeks. It appears that I have to direct the course myself. However, Prof. Warioba may be able to spend a few days here either at the beginning or at the end of the course.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. Rajagopalan

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Dear Alumnus,

Greetings from IOI India !

I write to introduce to you a new initiative on the proper management of the oceans that IOI is undertaking and to seek your contribution and assistance in the activities that we have planned as part of this exercise.

You would have surely learnt from the recent issues of Across the Oceans that an Independent World Commission on the Oceans has recently been set up with Mr. Mario Soares of Portugal as its Chairman and 40 eminent personalities from around the world as members. I am enclosing a Background Note which explains the context in which the Commission has been established and lists the major issues before the Commission.

The aim of the Commission is to re-focus global attention on the oceans of the world and to make the changes that are necessary for us to realise the full potential of the provisions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the decisions taken at the Rio Summit with regard to the oceans. The Commission is charged to solicit public opinion and response on various issues affecting the proper use of the ocean resources and ocean space. In addition, the Commission will allow people to re-assess and re-evaluate the issues relating to the oceans such as some of those listed in the Background Note. The Commission's activities will include inviting written and oral submissions and written position papers on various issues and organizing a number of public hearings.

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*IOI India is aware that as an alumnus and as an individual active in ocean-related matters, you are deeply committed to the cause of the oceans. We now seek your invaluable input to the Commission's deliberations. We are enclosing a questionnaire on the issues before the Commission and we request you to complete the same and mail it back to us **within 15 days** using the enclosed envelope. Please also feel free to make a written submission in the form of a position paper on any aspect of ocean affairs. Your opinion on the issues will go into the report that IOI India will be submitting to the Commission. The results of the survey will also be discussed in the hearings, the first of which is likely to be held in Madras on August 3, 1996.*

We plan to invite selected alumni to take part in the hearing. IOI India will bear all the expenses for the travel and stay of the invitees.

We realise that we are encroaching upon your valuable time, but your response would be of immeasurable value to us in putting together the report for the World Commission's consideration.

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As part of the World Commission activities, IOI India is planning to bring out a Directory of Institutions and Organizations in the Indian Ocean Region which are engaged in any aspect of ocean affairs. We are aware that your Institution plays a major role in ocean-related matters and we seek your cooperation in compiling the Directory. We are enclosing a questionnaire and we request you to complete the same and mail it back to us within a month using the enclosed envelope. Please also enclose copies of your brochure, the most recent Annual Report and other publications.

As a token of our appreciation of your effort in helping us, we would be happy to send you a complimentary copy of the Directory as soon as it is ready.

We realise that we are encroaching upon your valuable time, but your response would be of immeasurable value to us in putting together the report for the World Commission's consideration.

With regards,

Yours truly,



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P. S. *We are also mailing a questionnaire to a number of individuals in your organization to elicit their views on the issues before the World Commission. We request you to encourage them to respond as early as possible.*

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Background of Respondent

1. Name of the Respondent :
2. Designation :
3. Affiliated Organisation :
4. Mailing Address :

- Telephone :
- Fax :
- E-mail :
5. Area of Specialisation :
6. Fields of Interest :
7. Please indicate which of the following categories represent(s) your working context or that best describes you:
 - Ocean Scientist
 - University based Researcher / Educator
 - Self-employed Ocean Consultant
 - Industry Expert
 - Planner
 - Policy Maker
 - Volunteer / Officials affiliated to a NGO
 - Others (please specify)
8. Major Publications :
(please enclose copies)
9. Any other information :

Signature

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SURVEY OF INSTITUTIONS
CONCERNED WITH OCEAN AFFAIRS
(For Inclusion In An Indian Ocean Directory)

As part of the World Commission activities, the International Ocean Institute, Operational Centre at Madras, India is compiling a Directory of Institutions and Organisations in the Indian Ocean Region concerned with any aspect of ocean affairs. We hope that, through this Directory, a network of the institutions would emerge, leading to substantial South-South cooperation and collaboration. We would be grateful if the completed questionnaire is returned to us *within a month*. We also request you to enclose your most recent brochure and annual report.

As a token of our appreciation of your contribution, we would be happy to send you a copy of the Directory as soon as it is ready.

1. Name of the Institution :

2. Address :

- Telephone :
- Fax :
- E-mail :

3. Year of Establishment :

4. Name and Designation of the Head of the Institution:

5. Which of the following categories are appropriate for describing your Institution? (Please mark all the relevant categories)
 - Government Department
 - Autonomous Institution under the Government
 - NGO
 - Private Sector
 - Policy Research Institute
 - University Centre/Department
 - Training Institute
 - R&D Organisation/Laboratory
 - Think Tank
 - Planners and Policy makers
 - Others (please specify) _____

6. Which of the following areas are covered by the activities of your Institution? (Please mark all the relevant areas)

- Ocean Engineering/Technology
- Oceanography
- Ocean Law and Policy
- Coastal Ecology
- Coastal Zone Management
- Coastal Tourism
- Marine Environment
- Marine Technology
- Marine Resources Management
- Marine Pollution
- Marine Geology
- Remote Sensing
- Port Management
- Deep Seabed Mining
- Fisheries
- Aquaculture
- Other areas (please specify) _____

7. Mission statement and mission areas of the Institution :

8 Budget for the year 1996 :

Main sources of funds :

Total staff strength :
(excluding supporting staff)

9. Please give details of any major/unique facilities or equipment that the Institution has:

10. Regular training programmes organised by the Institution:

11. Do you have branches, field stations or collaborating institutions?
(Please specify the details)

12. Is the Institution a member of any regional/international network?
(Please specify the details)

13. Regular publications of the Institution :
(Please enclose copies)

14. Regular conferences/seminars conducted by the Institution :

Additional comments:

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Dear Elisabeth,

I have just returned from Delhi to find your fax dated August 4, 1996. All of us here thank you for the nice words you have said about our work. We ourselves believe that our contribution is very modest when compared to what people like you and Dr. Saigal have been doing for so many years.

I know that Dr. Saigal has kept you informed of the events of last week. All the four hearings went off very well with good participation. They also received publicity in the national press. I am now busy summarising the conclusions and recommendations of the four hearings. Both from the survey and the hearings, we now have a wealth of information. While it would take considerable time to analyse of the data in detail, we hope to put together a quick report for submission to the Commission before the Rotterdam meeting. Dr. Saigal wants the report by mid-October and we will try to stick to this deadline.

Mr. Faleiro chaired the hearings in Goa and Delhi and he is now completely with us. He would have realised that we can be so much more helpful to him compared to what the Department of Ocean Development could have done for him. From now on, I shall keep him informed of all the developments.

I will be in Canada from 17th to 29th of this month. I am attending a symposium of the International Organization of Science and Technology Education at Edmonton from 17th to 22nd August. Of the two papers I am presenting there, one is entitled "A Sea of Ignorance : What Our Children Do Not Know About the Oceans". My airticket is via Frankfurt and Toronto and I am not planning to visit Halifax. But when I am in Canada, I shall try talk to you over telephone.

I hope you received my fax message sent on July 31, 1996 agreeing to represent you at the Manila Conference in December. I am awaiting a formal invitation from ACOPS.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. Rajagopalan
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