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Paris, 3 March 1998

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Dear Ms Mann-Borgese,

Following your acceptance to participate in the UNESCO conference "Mediterranean Multaqa" I would be most grateful if you could help us by collecting a series of documents concerning maritime zones of peace and in particular material referring to the Mediterranean.

Our objective is to produce reference material which will be distributed in a photocopied form during the meeting and which afterwards may become a part of a publication pertaining to this Conference.

I have been giving thought to the difficulties of promoting a maritime zone of peace in the Mediterranean. How, in your opinion, could we go forward realistically in that direction? What kind of mechanisms could we propose, which could not be rejected by those, who by definition are against such measures, and which could be implemented in phases in order to attain our goal?

I look forward to having your comments on all these matters and to the great pleasure of meeting you personally in June.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "José Vidal-Beneyto".

José Vidal-Beneyto

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**INTERNATIONAL FORUM  
UNESCO'S MEDITERRANEAN MULTAQA**

**CULTURES FOR PEACE**

**Palazzo dei Congressi  
Agrigento 4-7 June 1998**

Provisonnal programme, CONFIDENTIEL

**Friday 5 June 1998\***

**Morning**

Inauguration

9:00

Inaugural speeches

President of the Regional Province of Agrigento  
President de la Region of Sicily  
Secretary-General of the Arab League  
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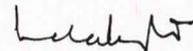
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You will find herewith for your information a provisional programme which we are in the process of elaborating. We will of course send you all the necessary information regarding your travel and accommodation in due time. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any supplementary information.

Sincerely yours,



José Vidal-Beneyto  
Senior Special Adviser  
Focal Point for the  
Mediterranean Programme



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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

To: Professor Jose Vidal Beneyto  
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
Fax: 1 902 868 2455  
  
Date: March 7, 1998  
  
Subject: Multaqa

Dear Professor Vidal-Beneyto,

It is a beautiful programme and I am most happy and honoured to be part of it.

Please give my warmest regards to Dr. Federico Mayor, and I am looking forward to seeing you both in June.

With all good wishes,

*Elisabeth Mann Borgese*



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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

To: Dr. José Vidal-Beneyto  
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
Fax: 1 902 868 2455

Date: April 4, 1998

Subject: Mediterranean as a Zone of Peace

Dear Dr. Vidal-Beneyto,

It will indeed not be easy at all to promote the concept of the Mediterranean as a zone of peace.

And, as far as I know, there is not a great deal of literature on the subject.

I would suggest you go through the little volume, published last year by UNESCO/IOC, with a preface by Federico Mayor,, on *Peace in the Oceans The Ocean and the Agenda for Peace. The Proceedings of our Pacem in Maribus Conference In Costa Rica.* (At the moment I don't have the exact title, but you will have no trouble finding it at IOC.) There also is an excellent book on Zones of Peace by Surya Subedi, a Nepalese scholar of international law, now Professor at Hull University. I think the book was published by Oxford University Press, last year, or, in any case, quite recently. Subedi also has a contribution in our UNESCO volume.

Politically, it will be very difficult to make progress in this direction in the Mediterranean. I don't think France will be enthusiastic about it, and UK and USA will want to prevent it; but then, every one has a very deep interest in security in the Mediterranean. I am presently trying to push the concept of integrating sustainable development and regional security in all of UNEP's regional seas (see attached "concept paper")-- and to launch the idea of the Mediterranean as a Zone of Peace on the occasion of Multaqa certainly cannot do any harm, and perhaps some good..

It might be useful to invite Professor Subedi and perhaps Dr. Ramon Lopez, I think, presently in Hawaii (fax 808 263 4015). He is promoting the concept in the Mediterranean. You will also find a paper of his in our volume.

That is about all that comes to my mind at this time!

All the best, and my warm regards to Federico Mayor.

Yours sincerely,

*Elvira Nam Berger*

## ***Integrating Sustainable Development and Regional Security***

### ***Concept Paper***

1. Regional cooperation and development is of fundamental importance for the implementation of each and all of the UNCLOS/UNCED Conventions, Agreements, Action Plans and Programmes. Each one of them refers to regional cooperation and relies on it. Regional cooperation is equally important for the implementation of the Agenda for Peace.

2. Sustainable Development can only be attained in a context of peace and security. This has institutional implications: for, if sustainable development and security are an integrated concept, we need an institutional framework capable of containing both.

3. The UNEP initiated Regional Seas Programme is in transition -- from a pre-UNCED sectoral approach focused on the protection of the marine environment to a post-UNCED comprehensive approach focussing on sustainable development. Having assumed the responsibility for the implementation of the Washington Global Programme of Action on Prevention of Pollution from Land-based Activities, UNEP has initiated a process of broadening its institutional framework through partnership with a wide range of intergovernmental and nongovernmental regional institutions and organisations.

4. The parties to the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Barcelona Convention have taken a bold new step by establishing the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development with a high-level segment composed of Ministers, not only of the Environment, but of all Ministries involved one way or another in marine affairs

5. This new development is encouraged by the General Assembly:

High-level segments of the CSD are organized in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191, and the Assembly has urged that special efforts be made "to attract greater involvement in its work of ministers

and high-level national policy makers responsible for specific economic and social sectors, who, in particular are encouraged to participate in the annual high-level segments of the Commission together with the ministers and policy makers responsible for the environment and development. The high-level segments of the Commission should become more inter-active, and should focus on the priority issues being considered at a particular session. The Bureau of the Commission should conduct timely and open-ended consultations with the view to improving the organization of the work of the high-level segments. (CSD Update, vol.4, issue 2, December 1997, p.1)

6. The U.N. Secretary General's *Agenda for Peace* has begun to draw attention to the need for an integration of political, economic, and environmental security. The *Agenda* also stresses the importance of *regional cooperation* in this process and its potential contribution to enhancing preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping, peacemaking and post-conflict peace building. Regional organisations qualified to participate in this process

could include treaty-based organizations, whether created before or after the founding of the United Nations, regional organizations for mutual security and defence, organizations for general regional development or for cooperation on a particular economic topic or function, and groups created to deal with a specific political economic or social issue of current concern.

The organisations created by the Regional Seas Programmes and Conventions belong to these categories.

7. The Agenda further states:

Under the Charter, the Security Council has and will continue to have primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security but regional action as a matter of decentralization, delegation, and cooperation with the United Nations efforts could not only lighten the burden of the Council but also contribute to a deeper sense of

participation, consensus and democratization in international affairs.

8. But Regional Seas Programmes have not yet taken up this challenge and opportunity. The Year of the Oceans; and the process, already initiated, of revitalizing the Regional Seas Programmes provides an excellent occasion for doing so.

9 A number of elements on which one could build are already in place.

◆ *Joint surveillance and enforcement* is already implemented in the South Pacific as well as in the Eastern Caribbean. This is one way of promoting economic and environmental security in the regional sea..

◆ The structures evolving through the process of revitalizing the Regional Seas Programmes can be utilized in a similar way. The broadly interdisciplinary, Inter-ministerial approach already adopted by the Mediterranean States for the composition of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development and encouraged by the GA should be extended also to the composition of the Bureaus, that is, the Executive bodies of the Regional Seas System. At present, these Bureaus are still composed of the Ministers of the Environment. This is out of phase with the ongoing development. The Bureaus should be attended “by a high-level Minister” who, in each case, should be from the Ministry responsible for decisions on the issue under consideration. Thus, if a decision has to be taken on a fisheries problem, it should be the Ministers of Agriculture/Fisheries who should compose the Bureau and take the required decision. If an issue on science and technology is on the agenda, it should be the Ministers of Science and Technology, and *if it is an issue of regional security or of naval cooperation for peaceful purposes, it should be the Ministers of Defence who should compose the Bureau.* They could be accompanied by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or the other way ‘round. They could serve the purpose of UN peacekeeping in cases of armed conflict requiring military responses, through the appropriate chain of command under the Secretary-General of the United Nations. In the absence of armed conflict, naval regional cooperation could extend to joint surveillance and enforcement and to peaceful

humanitarian activities such as search and rescue, disaster relief, or hydrological surveys, mapping, and other forms of oceanographic research. In institutional terms this is a simple extension and adaptation of a process already in course.

10. Not all regional seas programmes will be able to move in this direction at the same pace. Power-political constellations may be impediments requiring less or more time to overcome. But the time has come to put the issue on the agenda for consideration for the next century.

11. Regional seas should be declared, wherever possible, as nuclear-free zones. This is another way of integrating environmental and political security and interpreting, developing and implementing the new principle, enshrined in the Law of the Sea Convention (Article 88), reserving the High Seas for peaceful purposes. This also includes the Exclusive Economic Zones. Promising beginnings have been made already with the Declaration on the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, the Antarctic Treaty, the Treaty of Tlatelolco establishing a Latin American Nuclear-Free Zone (LANFZ) -- which should be extended to the Caribbean -- and the Treaty of Raratonga, with its Protocols.. The Baltic, the Arctic, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean the Indian Ocean, the Asian Seas might be good candidates for extending the application of this concept<sup>1</sup>.

12. *Regional settlement of dispute*, finally, could make another important contribution to regional security The system for the peaceful settlement of disputes contained in Part XV and Annexes V-VIII could be utilized for this purpose. Regional Arbitration or Regional Special Arbitration Tribunals could be constituted

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<sup>1</sup> See Ramon Lopez Reyes, “ ”Maritime Zones of Peace: A Regime of Peace on the Seas,” in *Peace in the Oceans: Ocean Governance and the Agenda for Peace*, Paris: UNESCO, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission technical series, 1997.

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MESSAGE

Dear Madam,

Herewith a registration form for the coming meeting in Agrigente (4-7 June 98)

Yours faithfully

Secretary

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**DE L'UNESCO**  
**AGRIGENTO, 4-7 JUIN/JUNE 1998**

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**A adresser avant le 20 mai 1998 à / To be sent before 20 May 1998 to**

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*For accommodation reservations you will be contacted by the organisers in Agrigento:*

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Observations/Comments:

I bought my own ticket which is a very complicated  
ticket. I shall be grateful if you will refund me  
your part of it in Agrigento or later from Paris

Date 20 May 1998 Signature Frank Hermann Boreau

Merci de bien vouloir nous transmettre par fax un résumé de CV d'une page.

Please accompany fax us the registration form with a one page CV.



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Paris, le 29 mai 1998

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**Objet: Report du Multaqa méditerranéen**

Madame,

La province d'Agrigente, partenaire de l'Unesco pour le *Multaqa* méditerranéen qui devrait s'y tenir du 4 au 7 juin prochains, en avait assumé la responsabilité de l'organisation matérielle. L'Unesco, pour sa part, était chargée de son contenu et de sa préparation intellectuelle, en étroite collaboration avec les réseaux de son Programme Méditerranée.

A l'heure actuelle et malgré nos multiples interventions, il s'avère qu'aucun billet n'a encore été mis à la disposition des participants et que les réservations dans les hôtels n'ont pas été confirmées. Il se peut que les élections provinciales, qui sont intervenues dernièrement et qui ont amené un changement de gouvernement et un renouvellement du personnel, soient en partie à l'origine de cette situation.

Les incertitudes engendrées par ce état de choses, auxquelles viennent s'ajouter les grèves aériennes actuelles, ont provoqué des désistements nombreux qui nous obligent à reporter à une date ultérieure la réalisation de ce *Multaqa*, auquel vous avez bien voulu participer, afin d'assurer à cette initiative tout le succès qu'elle mérite.

Il reviendra au Directeur général de l'Unesco de décider de nouvelles dates, ainsi que du lieu d'accueil définitif, que nous espérons pouvoir vous communiquer dans les très prochains jours.

En vous remerciant de votre compréhension et de votre soutien, je vous prie d'agréer, Madame, l'expression de ma considération distinguée.

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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: June 16, 1998

Subject: Multaqa

Dear Dr. Vidal-Beneyto,

In Genoa I received your letter informing me about the postponement of *Multaqa*. It was not quite easy to readjust my programme, but I am sure all my colleagues had the same difficulties. This was a case of *force majeure*, and I am sure you did the right thing!

However, I have not yet received any information about the new date (and place?) And since my schedule is quite full, I would be most grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible.

I will be travelling the rest of this month and shall be back in Halifax on July 1. However, my office is always in touch with me, and if you send the information there, it will get to me.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Elisabeth Mann Borgese*

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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: June 29, 1998

Subject: Multaqa

Dear Professor Vidal Beneyto,

I understand from my office that the meeting has been rescheduled for September 17-20. I confirm that I will attend.

Is it right that the location is still Agrigento? And the agenda is basically the same?

If they have this information already at my office, please ignore these questions!

Looking forward to meeting you, and please give my warmest regards to the Director-General.

Sincerely yours,

*Elisabeth Mann Borgese*



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Paris, July 16, 1998

Ref: Dear Madam,

As you know, for reasons beyond our control we were obliged to reschedule the Mediterranean Multaqa conference, in which you accepted to participate.

I am now pleased to confirm that the conference will take place in Agrigento (Sicily) from Thursday the 17th to Sunday the 20th of September 1998. After consultation these dates were the most convenient to the majority of the participants. I should be grateful if you could confirm to my office your participation to the following telephone numbers : (33 1) 45 68 16 99 or 45 68 16 13 31 or to fax number (33 1) 45 68 55 73 or 45 68 55 61.

You will soon be receiving a registration form as well as all the necessary details regarding hotel reservations and airplane tickets. In order to enrich the debates, we have requested a number of well known specialists to prepare a series of working papers corresponding to the different themes of the round tables. These texts are being printed in Agrigento and we hope to send them to you in due course. Under separate cover you will also receive the new brochure of UNESCO's Mediterranean Programme.

I thank you for renewing your support in this undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'José Vidal-Beneyto'.

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Paris, July 16, 1998

Ref: Dear Madam,

As you know, for reasons beyond our control we were obliged to reschedule the Mediterranean Multaqa conference, in which you accepted to participate.

I am now pleased to confirm that the conference will take place in Agrigento (Sicily) from Thursday the 17th to Sunday the 20th of September 1998. After consultation these dates were the most convenient to the majority of the participants. I should be grateful if you could confirm to my office your participation to the following telephone numbers : (33 1) 45 68 16 99 or 45 68 16 13 31 or to fax number (33 1) 45 68 55 73 or 45 68 55 61.

You will soon be receiving a registration form as well as all the necessary details regarding hotel reservations and airplane tickets. In order to enrich the debates, we have requested a number of well known specialists to prepare a series of working papers corresponding to the different themes of the round tables. These texts are being printed in Agrigento and we hope to send them to you in due course. Under separate cover you will also receive the new brochure of UNESCO's Mediterranean Programme.

I thank you for renewing your support in this undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "José Vidal-Beneyto".

José Vidal-Beneyto  
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: September 1, 1998

Subject: Multaqa

Dear Professor Vidal-Beneyto.

We seem to have a lot of difficulties with the logistic arrangements for Multaqa.

I am attaching my revised schedule.

I am 80 years old and an arthritis patient, and I cannot possibly make long trips in economy class. However, I do not pretend that you should pay business class if that is not your practice. I will be glad to pay the difference myself; but your payment should be done in such a way that I can upgrade.

Furthermore, Alitalia does not go to Halifax. I do have to take Canadian Air to join the Alitalia flight in Toronto.

I would request you kindly to include the Halifax-Toronto and Toront-Halifax portion in your payment -- economy class, upgradeable.

Originally I had planned to arrive one day earlier -- I think, as a matter of fact, some dinner function had been planned the evening before the Conference; and I had planned to leave one day later in order to complete everything with some calm.

However, I have been told that the Conference would not take care of that; that I would have to stay in Palermo, at my own expense. This, obviously, would be totally useless; and thus I have rebooked my reservations accordingly.

I hope that everything is in order now and that you will be able to confirm these arrangements.

It is an important conference, and I look forward to participating.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Edward Mann Borgue*

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# 1998 International Year of the Ocean



## Objectives

# One Earth One Ocean One Life

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*"The overall objective is to focus and reinforce the attention of the public, governments and decision makers at large on the importance of the oceans and the marine environment as resources for sustainable development"*

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The major aim of the joint efforts of the Member States during 1998 will be to create awareness and obtain commitments from governments to take action, provide adequate resources and give the priority to the ocean and coastal areas which they deserve as finite-sized economical assets

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This is most important, in view of the increasing threats of pollution, population pressure, excessive fisheries, coastal zone degradation and climate variability to the finite-size resource the ocean represents. Without a healthy ocean, the life-supporting system of the earth would be seriously endangered

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## The Ocean Charter



# THE OCEAN CHARTER

## The Undersigned Agree:

**T**he oceans and their resources are a necessary element of life on the planet

**T**he health of the oceans and the wise, safe and sustainable use of the ocean resources, should be an axiom for all governments to accept and honour for the long-term benefit and existence of their respective and collective peoples.

**T**he acquisition of the knowledge necessary for the understanding and stewardship of the oceans and their adjacent seas for the adoption of policies, standards and regulations to protect the ocean environment and to husband their resources, are goals to be pursued both nationally and internationally.

**T**here should be mutual assistance and the will to work together to achieve common goals for the oceans - adjacent and regional coastal states should cooperate in the adoption of local policies and actions - countries with knowledge and resources should assist less fortunate neighbours - data and information for global and regional problems should be readily available - States should make use of international and intergovernmental organizations to generate global programmes and agreements.

**W**e recognize the wisdom of acting in unison to protect the oceans and to use their resources in a sustainable manner and accept this Ocean Charter as a basis for future action.



*The International Year of the Ocean, 1998*

# MY OCEAN CHARTER

## I Agree:

**T**he oceans and the creatures therein are a necessary part of life on this planet.

**M**aintaining the health of the oceans and the abundance of its fisheries, together with the wise and safe use of all its resources, must be accepted and honoured by governments so that future generations can enjoy the continuing benefit for all peoples.

**U**nderstanding the marine environment and its living community is necessary for the stewardship of the oceans and the seas and for the making of decisions to protect and husband its resources.

**W**e must work together to succeed - within countries people can influence ocean policies if they act together - internationally, countries should help their neighbours and accept regional policies and actions - countries having the knowledge and resources should assist less fortunate nations - data and information on the oceans should be readily exchanged - international and intergovernmental organizations should be used to generate global programmes and agreements.

**I** promise to remember my oceans charter, in my treatment of the oceans and the waters that flow into the ocean, in my work and in my play and in the decisions that I make.



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*The International Year of the Ocean, 1998*

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## WORLD FISHERIES DAY NOVEMBER 21

The FAO Reports of 1995 and 1996 have found unequivocally that the fisheries of the world are undergoing the most serious crisis ever recorded. At least seventy-five percent are in or verging on a state of collapse due to the ravages of over-fishing and destructive fishing - most particularly by factory trawlers - and the effects of coastal industrial aquaculture, coastal industrial pollution, and the myriad consequences of global warming.

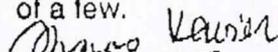
The Law of the Seas (1984) and Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (1995) mandate action. The oceans of the world, the fish and all too frequently the fishermen themselves observe no political boundaries. Hence it is futile for any one nation to act unilaterally. The earth's people's only chance to rescue this critically important food resource depends upon concerted multinational action, both at the government level and at the level of the stakeholders themselves, including fish-harvesters, fishworkers, fish consumers and all those who care for marine ecology.

It was to highlight these aspects, with the view to creating and sustaining public awareness, and to initiate and strengthen action at various levels in order to achieve this purpose, that the World Forum of Fish-harvesters and Fishworkers (WFF) has declared November 21, its foundation day, as **WORLD FISHERIES DAY**.

The aim is to save all those whose lives are dependent on the oceans by promoting sustainable fisheries and by preserving marine ecology. The obstacles to this end are over-fishing and destructive fishing gears, coastal industrial aquaculture and coastal industrial pollution.

On World Fisheries Day, we focus on these issues, both positive and negative. We celebrate our achievements and express our concerns for the present and our vision and aspirations for the future through various ways and means - Workshops, Rallies, Public Meetings, Symbolic Actions, Cultural Shows, Street Plays, Exhibitions, art forms like music, dance, poetry etc. using the print and the electronic media and so on.

WFF calls upon all peoples of good will, not only Fish-harvesters and Fishworkers but all who care for this planet, to join in the celebration of the World Fisheries Day. The life of the planet and the dependent health and welfare of humanity must not be sacrificed to the greed of a few.

  
Thomas Kocherry

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For your responses - questions, comments, ideas, suggestions and for sending the details of your plan for the celebration:

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## Some Plans for the World Fisheries Day

### National Fishworkers Forum, India (Harekrishna Debnath)

We will declare Nov. 21st as a FISHING HOLIDAY. All our actions and struggle prior to this will lead up to the demands of this day.

- protect the coastal waters and coastal communities
- ban factory trawlers
- ban industrial aquaculture
- stop coastal industrial pollution

We will highlight the spiritual and cultural wealth of the coastal communities and re-inculcate the value of respect for mother nature- the coastal environment and its resources. Positively we will focus on the conservation of the mangroves initiating a tradition of the sacred mangroves and finding ways to develop reverence for the ecosystem so that they can be declared protected areas.

Symbolically - a mangrove Puja (Puja is a ritual action)

The campaign has begun and all actions inculcate the spirit of the World Fisheries Day.

### Penang Inshore Fishermen's Welfare Association, Malaysia. (P. Balan)

We have come up with three ideas which haven't been finalized yet. They are:-

- 1) The Association makes arrangement to hand out "free fish for public" on the day in order to attract the public's attention to our plight. A public figure will be officiating it. This function will give us the opportunity to voice our grouses through the electronic media and press. A memorandum will also be handed over to the state and federal officials.
- 2) An exhibition on Traditional Fisheries in collaboration with the Consumer's Association Of Penang outlining the situation and the threat. An appeal form will be placed for the public to support our demands. Later copies of the appeal letter will be passed to the relevant authorities. A public figure will be officiating the exhibition. Press and electronic media will be invited.
- 3) Replanting mangroves on a larger scale on remaining land next to a shrimp farm in operation. A festive like atmosphere will be created commemorating the World Fisheries Day. Overnight camping is also in our agenda.

This action will attract the public attention and also expected to form solidarity among the fisherfolk converging from various areas in the state. Officials from Fisheries and Member of Parliament, school children, village folks and public at large will be invited to join in the replanting activity. A police permit need to be obtained in order to hold this function.

### All Pakistan Fisherfolk Federation, Pakistan. (Mohammad Ali Shah)

we declare Nov. 21st as FISHING HOLIDAY.

### CNPS, Senegal. (Dao Gayo)

The following two ideas are put forward:

- organization of a strike on the national level.
- organization of an enlarged forum including all cadres and intermediaries in fishing so as to preserve the resources

This major theme was dealt with in meetings held in various regions of the fishermen so as to get their specificities.

### Informal Fishing Communities, South Africa. (Andrew Johnston)

For November 21, we are planning a mass rally in a large auditorium in Bellville and we are preparing for it. We request that if it is possible to get two speakers from the World Forum Coordinating Committee. We are in a position to pay for accommodation and food for the visit. We hope that our requests meets with approval to make our event a success.

### National Fisheries Solidarity, Sri Lanka. (Hermen Kumara)

We are thinking of organizing a fisheries convention on 21st November. ... We have planned to declare 4 mangrove reserves in 3 districts.

### United Federation Of Labour, Sri Lanka. (Saranapala De Silva)

We are planning and preparing for the World Fisheries Day, November 21.

August 26, 1998

Mr. Kensaku Hogen  
Under-Secretary General for Communications  
and Public Information  
United Nations, New York

Dear Mr. Under-Secretary:

It has come to our attention that notices of your annual NGO Conference have not included recognition of the fact that this is the Year of the Ocean. At a time when the seas and worldwide fishing communities are in a perilous state we urge that a substantial part of the agenda be devoted to hearing from concerned NGOs and from FAO, LOS and UNESCO of current assessments and opportunities for the remaining four months of IYO.

Mr. Richard A. Zelf, chair of the DPI NGO Executive Committee on Oceans, was unable to elicit responses from your staff before leaving on a trip. He has authorized us to include his urgent request.

Sincerely yours,

Please reply by FAX to 212-826-3659 and 978-283-3971

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UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK,  
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July, 1998

The National League of Women Voters in 1998 adopted the theme of Strengthening Democracy at Home. We believe we are seeing it demonstrated around the world that democracy cannot be strengthened locally unless it is strengthened globally.

We are seeing here in America's oldest fishing port, Gloucester, Massachusetts, that unregulated multinational factory trawlers and worldwide pollution can destroy our fisheries. In this Year of the Ocean, as designated by the United Nations, globalization threatens to destroy the ability of local communities around the world to deal with the planetary fisheries crisis and renders the democratic process ineffective.

We must protect and enhance the democratic process at the level of the United Nations--the only machinery the world has for dealing with global problems--if we are to protect it at our local, state or federal levels. In the face of the immediacy of supranational threats to world resources, we must act now.

We urge all League members to join with us to work toward the restoration of democracy on the international as well as local level. We cannot have one without the other.

Statement of Cape Ann League of Women  
Voters

Dr. Patricia Condon, President



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To: Professor José Vidal-Beneyto  
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: September 22, 1998

Subject: Multaqa

Dear Professor Vidal-Beneyto.

It was a great pleasure meeting you, and I hope that, by and large, you are satisfied with the outcome of the conference. It was an important undertaking and an immense amount of work! The Sicilian hospitality was excellent, and you had quite a number of extremely interesting personalities.

If I may be permitted to make some criticism -- I thought the focus of the conference might have been defined a little sharper, and I think perhaps that if there had been not a few less people on the panels, there might have been more time for discussion from the floor. I am always trying to learn from these experiences.

I am in communication with my rapporteur, Professor Busuttill. He should send me his report, and perhaps I might have something to add.

Now here is "the thick end"!

As you know, we were waiting until the very last moment for the prepaid to come through, but it did not -- and Mr. Manhart told me to go ahead and that you would refund the cost of the Economy Class.

My ticket, in business class amounted to CA\$ 4,392.50. My travel agent informs me that, in Economy Class, it would have been CA\$3,858.50. The difference actually is very small.

It sounds like a lot of money, but these are only Canadian Dollars -- and they are not worth very

much at this moment. So I hope this will not ruin UNESCO!

I would be grateful if you could make a bank transfer to my account as follows:

Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
Royal Bank of Canada  
Armdale Branch  
Halifax, N.S.  
Account Nr. 502 3494

With many thanks,

Yours cordially,

*Elisabeth Mann Borgese*

II.

My own proposal is based on some major premises.

The first is that there is today a *convergence* between the evolving concept of *sustainable development* and our concept of *security* as it has emerged since the end of World War II.

Sustainable development has an *economic dimension*: it must encompass economic development, especially when applied to poor people and poor countries. The eradication of poverty must be one of the cornerstones of any policy of sustainable development

Sustainable development, evidently, has a powerful *environmental dimension*: we must conserve the environment, natural and social, in which sustainable development is to take place; and the legal and institutional implication of this universally recognized need have been spelled out in a huge literature, especially since the publication of the Brundtland Report, and in a slew of Conventions, Agreements and Action Programmes, starting with the Law of the Sea Convention and developing further through the Rio Conference on Environment and Development in 1992.

Sustainable development has a *cultural dimension*, which is also much discussed today. Economic development, including technological development, must be in harmony with, not disruptive of, native cultures.

And sustainable development has an *ethical dimension*: it must be based

on equity, or else it will not be sustainable.

There is one more dimension to sustainable development. It is implicit and self-understood, but rarely talked about, because of the political sensitivity of the subject. Sustainable development has a *peace and security dimension*: because, obviously, without peace and security there can be neither economic development nor conservation of the environment, nor anything else, for that matter.

What I want to bring to your attention today is that *security*, which once we thought was security against aggression by one state against another, has assumed today exactly the same dimensions as sustainable development. Today, as we all know, threats to security are as much or more intra-state than inter-state. They may arise from intolerable economic or social conditions, or from environmental disaster, from cultural oppression or, in general from discrimination and inequity: all of which may generate terrorism and/or international civil war.

In this situation *security* becomes a comprehensive concept, encompassing *economic security, environmental security, cultural security and ethical security*: that is, there can be no lasting peace if it is not based on equity: *Pax opus iustitiae*.

My first premise, therefore is this: the next inevitable step towards a *culture of peace is the integration of sustainable development and comprehensive security, and, if that is so, the establishment of an institutional framework capable of implementing this integration.*

My second premise is that, at this particular time, this integration can best be promoted at the regional level.

**The UN Secretary General's *Agenda for Peace* stresses the importance of regional cooperation in this context and its potential contribution to enhancing preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping, peacemaking and post-conflict peace building. Regional organisations qualified to participate in this process**

**could include treaty-based organizations, whether created before or after the founding of the United Nations, regional organizations for mutual security and defence, organizations for general regional development or for cooperation on a particular economic topic or function, and groups created to deal with a specific political economic or social issue of current concern.**

**What he had in mind, was land-centred regional organisations Why did he leave sea-centred organisations out of his consideration? The organisations created by the Regional Seas Programmes and Conventions belong to categories he enumerated..**

**The Agenda further states:**

**Under the Charter, the Security Council has and will continue to have primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security but regional action as a matter of decentralization, delegation, and cooperation with the United Nations efforts could not only lighten the burden of the Council but also contribute to a deeper sense of participation, consensus and democratization in international affairs.**

**But Regional Seas Programmes have not yet taken up this challenge and opportunity**

**My third premise is that the Mediterranean region is perhaps the one that is best prepared to launch a pilot project integrating sustainable development and regional security. The Mediterranean Regional Seas Programme, with the revised Barcelona Convention, is certainly the most advanced of all Regional Seas Programmes, and a culture of peace is embedded deep down in the historic cultures of the Mediterranean.**

**A number of elements on which the integration of sustainable development and regional security could be based, are already in place.**

**Considering all the foregoing, here, now, are my proposals:**

**Progressing from the sectoral purpose of pollution control to the comprehensive goal of sustainable ocean and coastal development requires the participation of other government departments and ministries, in addition to the Ministries for the Environment. The broadly interdisciplinary, Inter-ministerial approach already adopted by the Mediterranean States for the composition of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development and encouraged by the General Assembly of the United Nations, should be further developed. The High-Level Segment of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development is attended “by a high-level Minister” who, in each case, would be from the Ministry responsible for decisions on the issue under consideration. Thus, if a decision has to be taken on a fisheries problem, it would be the Ministers of Agriculture/ Fisheries who would compose the High-Level Segment and take the required decision. If an issue on science and technology is on the agenda, it would be the Ministers of Science and Technology. *If it is an issue of regional security or of naval cooperation for peaceful purposes, it should be the Ministers of Defence who***

*should compose the Bureau.* For why should they be excluded? Are they not High-Level Ministers involved in ocean affairs?. They could serve the purpose of UN peacekeeping in cases of armed conflict requiring military responses, through the appropriate chain of command under the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In the absence of armed conflict, naval regional cooperation could extend to joint surveillance and enforcement *Joint surveillance and enforcement* is already implemented in the South Pacific as well as in the Eastern Caribbean. It is one way of promoting economic and environmental security in the regional sea.

Naval cooperation for peaceful purposes should also extend to humanitarian activities such as search and rescue, disaster relief, or hydrological surveys, mapping, and other forms of oceanographic research. In institutional terms this is a simple extension and adaptation of a process already in course.

These meetings of the Ministers of Defence and/or Foreign Affairs of the Contracting Parties of Regional Seas Conventions would serve as a kind of “Virtual Mediterranean Security Council” The establishment of “Regional Security Councils” has occasionally been suggested -- e.g., by the Organisation of African States

Not all regional seas programmes will be able to move in this direction at the same pace. Power-political constellations may be impediments requiring less or more time to overcome. But the time has come to put the issue on the agenda for consideration for the next century. The Mediterranean countries might be the first. The broadly interdisciplinary approach already adopted

**for the structure of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development provides the institutional framework needed for integrating sustainable development and regional security. This institutional framework may be used for this purpose whenever the time is ripe.**

**The Security Council of the United Nations was dysfunctional for thirty years. But it was there. A “virtual Mediterranean Security Council” may become highly relevant for the future of peace in the world.**

**Regional seas should be declared, wherever possible, as nuclear-free zones. This is another way of integrating environmental and political security and interpreting, developing and implementing the new principle, enshrined in the Law of the Sea Convention (Article 88), reserving the High Seas for peaceful purposes. This also includes the Exclusive Economic Zones.**

**Promising beginnings have been made already with the Declaration on the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, the Antarctic Treaty, the Treaty of Tlatelolco establishing a Latin American Nuclear-Free Zone (LANFZ) -- which should be extended to the Caribbean -- and the Treaty of Rarotonga, with its Protocols.. The Baltic, the Arctic, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, the Asian Seas might be good candidates for extending the application of this concept<sup>1</sup>.**

***Regional settlement of dispute, finally, could make another important contribution to regional security The system for the peaceful settlement of disputes contained in Part XV and Annexes V-VIII could be utilized for this***

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<sup>1</sup> See Ramon Lopez Reyes, “Maritime Zones of Peace: A Regime of Peace on the Seas,” in *Peace in the Oceans: Ocean Governance and the Agenda for Peace*, Paris: UNESCO, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission technical series, 1997.

**purpose. Regional Arbitration or Regional Special Arbitration Tribunals could be constituted.**

**Peace is a universal concept which is not attainable unless harmony -- not only in the social sense as between individuals but also in the larger sense as between humans, animals and plants -- is attained;**

**There thus is a convergence between the emerging systems for the peaceful uses of the oceans for sustainable development, and the agendas for peace making, peace keeping, and peace building, especially at the regional level where regional seas programmes for sustainable development and maritime zones of peace may eventually coincide. Regional cooperation of navies for peaceful purposes, including joint surveillance and enforcement of regulations on peaceful uses and humanitarian operations may equally serve to safeguard regional security under the aegis of a United Nations Agenda for Peace.**

**This next step should be considered as part of a vision we have for the Mediterranean in the next century.**

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### Message

Dear Mrs. Mann Borgese,

Please find herewith, on behalf of Professor Busuttil, the Report of the meeting on Maritime Peace Zones which took in Agrigento.

Sincerely yours,

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**Report of the Round Table on Maritime Peace in the Mediterranean  
Mediterranean Multaqa, Agrigento, Italy, 17-20 September 1998**

1. The Round table met at 22:00 hours, as scheduled, on 19 September 1998. The Chairperson, Elizabeth Mann Borgese, opened the meeting and explained that its main objective was to draw up a brief for a study group on the issues involved, to be eventually submitted to UNESCO.

2. Mr. Ramon Lopez Reyes, Professor Peter Serracino Inglott, Rosalba Giugni and others then took the floor. Mr Lopez Reyes elucidated his views on the setting-up of a Mediterranean Maritime Zone for Peace and distributed a paper thereon.

The Round table concluded as follows:

(i) That a study, to be entrusted to the newly created Mediterranean Council for Culture, be undertaken to address the basic issues concerning the creation of a Mediterranean Maritime Zone for Peace, and notably the framework (institutional, juridical, socio-economic, political) necessary for such a zone. The zone would act as an instrument for peace, built on human security, the defense of human rights and the eradication of poverty. It would seek to consolidate initiatives such as the European Union's Euro-med Program, O.C.S.E; the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP) and the Mediterranean Programme (UNESCO);

(ii) That the feasibility be considered of having a peace-ship which would be a vehicle to promote the above mentioned zone, and whose objectives would be to impart training not only on peace-building but, and mainly, in such areas of cooperation as environmental monitoring, socio-economic and socio-cultural promotion and socio-cultural development. It was further agreed that, within the scope of the study mentioned in para. 3 (i) above, a feasibility study of the project could be undertaken. Emphasis was to be laid on the possibility of "procuring" an existing research vessel, and reference was made to the positive experience, in this field, of *Marevivo* which, in Italy, had over the years managed to obtain, for research and training purposes in the Mediterranean, Italian navy vessels. The study would also cover funding aspects as well as identify ways and means of inviting other Mediterranean "entities" to participate in the working groups to be set up for the purpose by the Mediterranean Council for Culture (supra, 3 (i)).

(iii) Since the Mediterranean Council for Culture was being established in Malta at the invitation of the Maltese Government, it was proposed that support for the working group, and for its eventual follow-up be sought from the International Foundation of Malta, and the Mediterranean Institute of the University of Malta, (whose respective President and Chairman, Professor Busuttill and Serracino Inglott, present at the meeting, agreed thereto);

(iv) That the study would seek to develop further the application of the common heritage principle enshrined in the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea, to the Mediterranean with a

view, for example, to having eventually a common management of the Mediterranean and its resources so that it could be declared an exclusive economic zone for all riparian States. It was further suggested that the first phase of such an undertaking could group the Central Mediterranean countries (i.e. Italy, Tunisia, Libya and Malta);

(v) That the study would focus also on the linkage between sustainable development and a comprehensive regional security, including the institutional implications and necessary mechanisms arising therefrom, such as the widening of the scope of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development and placing it within the ambit of the Barcelona Convention and not just, as hitherto, within the Mediterranean Action Plan. In this context, the study could examine the possibility of having a Mediterranean Council for Security which would include not only high security officials but also representative of ministries and governmental organizations active in overall sustainable development (e.g. environment, economy etc.)

The chairperson, having invited other persons to offer additional views, closed the meeting at 23:15. The rapporteur Salvino Busuttil agreed to prepare the present report for submission to the appropriate authorities at UNESCO and elsewhere.

Salvino Busuttil  
Rapporteur