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# **Independent World Commission on the Oceans**

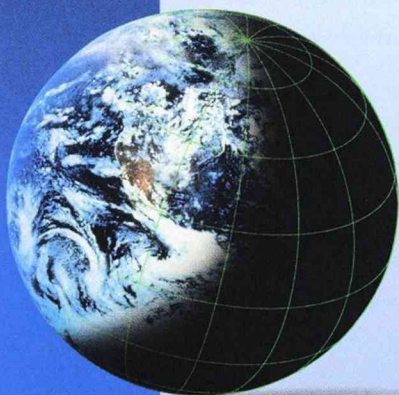
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**Opening Ceremony**

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**Newport, Rhode Island**

**June 6, 1997**



# Independent World Commission on the Oceans

*Chairman*

Dr. Mario Soares

*Former President of the Republic of Portugal*

In recognition of the fundamental importance of the world's oceans in the development of the human society, the maintenance of peace, and the health of the biosphere, an Independent Commission on the Oceans has been established.

The Commission takes its place in a long series of Independent Commissions, from Willy Brandt's Commission on North-South Relations and Olof Palme's Commission on Disarmament, to Gro Harlem Brundtland's Commission on Environment and Development and Ingvar Carlsson's Commission on Global Governance. They all have stood for the dignity and equality of the individual, for equity and greater freedom and the right to economic development a healthy environment, and security for present and future generations.

The Independent World Commission on the Oceans, the most recent in the series, will continue this great tradition. It faces its own challenge: the oceans are a "blind spot" in global awareness. Our land-trained minds are not aware of the unique role the oceans play in planetary survival nor of their potential for satisfying an increasing part of our basic needs. This is why we tend to turn our backs on the oceans and to ignore the threats they are facing.

Yet the oceans are forcing us to think differently, to behave differently. Neither fish nor pollution recognize the boundaries we try to impose on them. Political space, economic space, and ecological space refuse to coincide, and as the world shrinks under the impact of the communication and information revolution, the oceans are no longer seen as spaces to cross or to conquer, but as spaces to be cultivated. They belong to all of us and are entrusted to our safekeeping for future generations. They are a heritage of mankind.

# *Speaking Program*

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**The Honorable David S. Gordon** • *Welcoming Remarks*  
Mayor, Newport, Rhode Island

**The Honorable Patrick J. Kennedy** • *Opening Remarks*  
Representative, 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, Rhode Island

**The Honorable Claiborne Pell** • *Introduction of Dr. Soares*  
Former United States Senator, Rhode Island

**His Excellency Dr. Mário Soares** • *Principal Speaker*  
Former President, Republic of Portugal

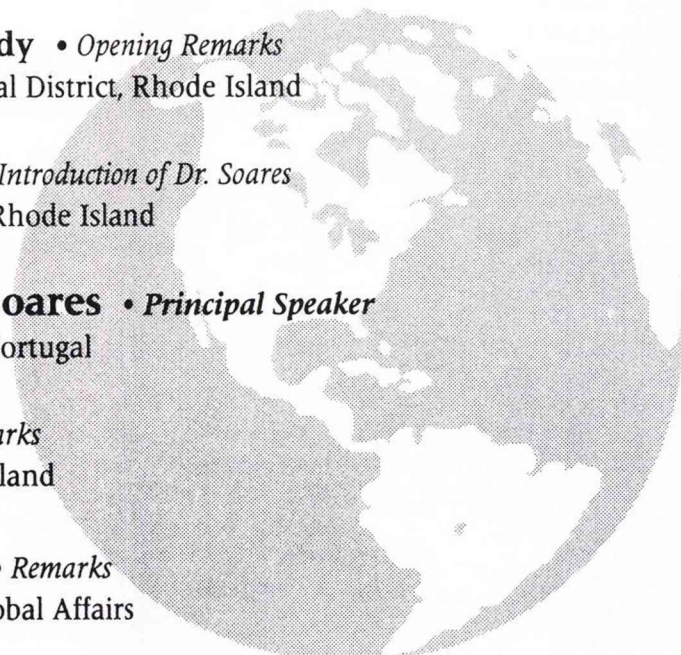
**The Honorable Jack Reed** • *Remarks*  
United States Senator, Rhode Island

**The Honorable Timothy Wirth** • *Remarks*  
Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs

**Ms. Danielle Luttenberg** • *Remarks*  
Representing University of Rhode Island

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**A** *ll attendees are cordially invited to a reception in the State Dining Room  
immediately following the Speaking Program*



# Membership of the Commission

## CHAIRMAN

Dr. Mário Soares Portugal

## VICE-CHAIRMEN

Abdulmohsin M. Al-Sudeary Saudi Arabia  
Kader Asmal South Africa  
Elisabeth Mann Borgese Canada  
Eduardo Faleiro India  
Patrick Kennedy USA  
Ruud Lubbers The Netherlands  
Guido de Marco Malta  
Yoshio Suzuki Japan  
José Israel Vargas Brazil

## MEMBERS

Seyyid Abdulai Nigeria  
Najeeb Al-Nauimi Qatar  
Oscar Arias Costa Rica  
Alicia Bárcena Mexico  
Mohammed Bedjaoui Algeria  
Driss Ben Sari Morocco  
Patricio Bernal Chile  
Peter Bridgewater Australia  
Ian Burton Canada  
Salvino Busuttil Malta  
Lucius Caflisch Switzerland  
Ricardo Diez-Hochleitner Spain  
René-Jean Dupuy France  
Richard Falk USA  
B.A. Hamzah Malaysia  
Klaus-Jürgen Hedrich Germany  
Sidney Holt UK  
Stjepan Keckes Croatia  
John Kendrew UK  
Tommy Koh Singapore  
Nicolay P. Laverov Russia  
Ulf Lie Norway  
Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares Brazil  
Donald Mills Jamaica  
Venâncio de Moura Angolia  
Noriyuki Nasu Japan  
Alassane Dialy Ndiaye Senegal  
Carlo Ripa de Meana Italy  
Mário Ruivo Portugal  
Esekia Solofa Fiji  
Jilan Su China  
Alexander Yankov Bulgaria

## SECRETARY GENERAL

Layashi Yaker Algeria

Has anything been done  
about my refund?

If justice is done,  
I will donate the amount  
-- about \$40,000 -- to  
the Commission. But  
justice must be done,  
and the IOI has to get  
its \$12,000, or whatever  
it is!

Agreed [Both  
married  
agree]

Shall we  
announce it?  
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**Annex II****Fourth Session  
Rhode Island  
6-9 June 1997****IWCO/21/Rev.1****Agenda**

1. Formal Opening (public)
  
2. Adoption of the Agenda
  
3. Progress Report on Intersessional Activities
  - Budget and funding plan '95 - '98 (IWCO/23)
  - Audited financial statements '95 - '96 (IWCO/24)
  
1. Sessional Working Groups (Legal, Science, Peace, Economics, North-South)  
(Legal - IWCO/18, WP10/Rev.3, Add. 5), (Science - IWCO/EC/WP10, WP10/Rev.3, Add. 7), (Peace - IWCO/EC/WP8, IWCO/WP10, Rev.3 Add.1), (Economics - IWCO/EC/WP9, WP10, Rev.3 Add 6), (North/South - IWCO/EC/WP11)
  
5. Preliminary Reports of the five sessional working Groups
  
6. Progress Report on Public Awareness and Participation
  
7. Outline and Partial Draft of the Final Report (IWCO/WP10/Rev.3, Add. 1,5,6,7)
  
8. Information and Internet (IWCO/WP12/Rev.2)
  
9. Thematic and Regional Inputs to the Work of the Commission (IWCO/WP14)
  
10. Planning of the Fifth Plenary Session (Capetown)
  
11. Planning of the Sixth Plenary Session (Lisbon)
  
12. Other Matters
  
13. Formal Closing (Public)

**Annex I****Fourth Session  
Rhode Island,  
6 - 9 June 1997****IWCO/Inf. 17****List of Participants****Chairman**

Mário Soares Portugal

**Vice-Chairmen**

Abdulmohsen M. Al-Sudeary Saudi Arabia

Kader Asmal South Africa

Elisabeth Mann Borgese Canada

Eduardo Faleiro India

Patrick Kennedy USA

Ruud Lubbers The Netherlands

Guido de Marco Malta

Yosio Suzuki Japan

José Israel Vargas Brazil

**Members**

Seyyid Abdulai Nigeria

Driss Bensari Morocco

Patricio Bernal Chili

Peter Bridgewater Australia

Salvino Busuttil (Treasurer) Malta

Lucius Cafilisch Switzerland

Richard Falk USA

Klaus Jürgen Hedrich	Germany
Sidney Holt (General Editor)	UK
Stjepan Keckes	Croatia
Ullf Lie	Norway
Luiz Felipe de Macedo Soares	Brazil
Donald Mills	Jamaica
Venâncio de Moura	Angola
Noriyuki Nasu	Japan
Alassane Dialy Ndiaye	Senegal
Mário Ruivo (Co-ordinator)	Portugal
Esekia Solofa	Western Samoa
Jilan Su	China

**Eminent Person**

Claiborne Pell	USA
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**Special Guests**

William Andahazy	USA
Peter Cook	Australia
Danielle Luttenberg	USA
Pierrre Papon	France

**Secretary General**

Layashi Yaker	Algeria
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**Executive Secretary**

Jean-Pierre Lévy

France

**Personal Assistant to the Chairman**

Mário Baptista Coelho

Portugal

**Secretariat**

Lydia Beauquis (Secretary)

Sylvia Earle (Consultant)

Jan van Ettinger (Senior Officer)

Thomas G. Ganiatsos (Senior Officer)

Paul Ress (Media Consultant)

Peter Sand (Consultant)

**Office of the Chairman**

Ana Maria Casquilho Plimer (Personal Assistant to the Coordinator)

Ana Teresa Egea (Secretary)

Osita Eleuterio (Personal Assistant to the Chairman)

**Observers**

Marty Alford (Office Congressman Kennedy)

Matthew Braunstein (Office Congressman Kennedy)

John Cooper (Local Organizer Cape Town)

Luis F. Costa Fernandes (Brazilian Committee)

Antonio José Teixeira (Brazilian Committee)

**The Independent World Commission on the Oceans**  
**Newport Meeting 5-9 June 1997**  
**Schedule of Events**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 5**

3:00P Meeting of the Executive Committee  
Doubletree Islander Hotel - Newport Room

4:30P Coffee break

5:00P Meeting of the Executive Committee continues

7:00P Reception - America's Cup Room

EVENING Free time

**FRIDAY, JUNE 6**

8:00A Continental Breakfast - (to be announced)

9:35A Depart Doubletree Islander Hotel via bus

9:50A arrive Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island

10:00A Opening Ceremony  
Ochre Court - Salve Regina University  
Speakers:  
Mayor David Gordon  
Rep Patrick Kennedy  
former Senator Claiborne Pell  
Chairman Mario Soares  
Senator Jack Reed  
Under Sec. Of State Timothy Wirth  
Ms. Danielle Luttenberg

11:30 noon Reception  
State Dining Room- Salve Regina University

12:30P Depart Salve Regina University via bus

1:00P Lunch at Doubletree Islander Hotel - America's Cup Room

2:15P Depart Doubletree Islander Hotel via bus

3:00P American Science and Technology presentation  
University of Rhode Island - Bay Campus

6:00P depart University of Rhode Island via bus

6:30P arrive Doubletree Islander Hotel

7:30P Depart Doubletree Islander Hotel Via bus - **Business attire**  
Dinner at Sea Fare Inn, Portsmouth, Rhode Island

10:00P Return to Doubletree Islander Hotel via bus

### SATURDAY, 7 JUNE

8:00A Continental Breakfast - Sunset Room

9:30A Plenary Session  
Doubletree Islander Hotel - Brenton Hall

Adoption of the Agenda  
Progress Report on Intersessional Activities

10:00A Coffee break

10:30A Sessional Working Groups (general introduction)

11:00A Meeting of two sessional working groups simultaneously  
Breton Hall Room and Newport Room

1:00P Lunch - Doubletree Islander Hotel - America's Cup Room

2:30P Meeting of two sessional groups simultaneously (continued)  
Breton Hall Room and Newport Room

4:30P Coffee break

5:00P Partnership and Solidarity: North/South Issues

EVENING Free Time

### SUNDAY, JUNE 8

8:00A Continental Breakfast - Sunset Room

9:30A Plenary Session  
Doubletree Islander Hotel - Brenton Hall  
Preliminary Reports on the Five Sessional Working Groups

10:30A Coffee break

11:00A Progress report on Awareness and Participation

11:30A Outline and Partial Draft of the Final Report of the Commission

1:00P Lunch at Doubletree Islander Hotel - dining room

2:30P Plenary continues  
Doubletree Islander Hotel - Brenton Hall  
Information and the Internet

4:30P Coffee break

5:00P Thematic and Regional Inputs to the Work of the Commission

7:00P depart Doubletree Islander Hotel via bus - **casual attire**

7:15P Lobster/clambake dinner at Sen. Pell's residence

9:30P depart Sen. Pell's residence via bus

**MONDAY, JUNE 9**

8:00A Continental Breakfast - Newport Room

9:30A Plenary session  
Doubletree Islander Hotel - Brenton Hall  
Planning of the Fifth Plenary Session (Cape Town)  
Planning of the Sixth Plenary Session (Lisbon)  
Other matters

11:30A Coffee break

12:00P Closing ceremony