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Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Dear Elisabeth,

I enclose a copy of the recommendations of the Working Group relating to Living Resources. I shall be grateful if you would kindly get the recommendations suitably incorporated in the resolution to be presented tomorrow.

I shall be grateful if you and Dr. Krishan Saigal would have dinner with me tomorrow so that we can discuss all aspects of the follow-up as well as matters relating to the "Independent World Commission for the Seas and the Oceans".

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



M.S. Swaminathan

Encl: as above

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10 July 1995

Ms. Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Dear Elisabeth,

I am happy to receive your fax and to learn that your untiring efforts have borne fruit. I shall try to attend the first meeting from 6th to 8th September. Congratulations and with warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. Swaminathan

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INDEPENDENT WORLD COMMISSION ON THE OCEANS

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Professor M.S. Swaminathan
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Dear Swami:

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,

Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Vice Chair



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To: Professor M.S. Swaminathan
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FAX No: 91 41 235 1319

From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese

FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: 9 July, 1995

Subject: World Commission on the Oceans

My dear Swami:

It has taken longer than anticipated, but, at last, we are there.

We had a good meeting with President Soares of Portugal, on June 29- July 1, and our World Commission is on course. He has finally and officially accepted to be the Chairman of the Commission. We have five Vice Chairmen:

Africa: Layashi Yaker, Algeria

Asia: Yoshio Suzuki, Japan

Europe: Guido de Marco, Malta

Latin America: Jose Vargas, Brazil

North America: myself, Canada.

The Chairman and the Vice Chairmen form the Executive Committee.

Membership, as of today, is as follows:

Region	Member	Expertise
Africa	Bedjaoui, Algeria Khalid, Sudan* Osmal, South Africa* St Jorre, Seychelles Koroma West Africa*	International Law Law, Environment Natural Resources Tourism, Environment Law ?
Asia S. Pacific	Koh, Singapore Su Jilan, China Swaminathan, India Najeeb El Nuaimi, Qatar Solofa, Western Samoa* Australia*	Law of the Sea, Environment, Climate Plant Genetics Law, Oil Education ?
Europe	Dupuy, France Rupert, Italy* Hedrich, Germany Fleischhauer, Germany Lubbers, Netherlands Ulf Lie, Norway* Ruivo, Portugal Busuttil, Malta Mayor, Spain Kendrew, U.K.* Kolodkin, Russian Fed. Yankov, Bulgaria	Law, Human Rights Science & Technology Development Economics International Law Economics Oceanography Fisheries Biology Economics Education, governance Chemistry Maritime Law (Shipping) Law of the Sea,
North America	Speth, USA Turner, USA* Macdonald, Canada	Resource Economics Media International Law
Latin America	Barcena, Mexico Somavia, Chile Arias, Costa Rica* Muller Don Mills, Jamaica* Patrica Bernal,*	Environment Law, economics Peace, Demilitarisation Peace, Education Environment, Law
Eminent Persons		

* Not yet confirmed

The first Plenary of the Commission will meet at the United Nations University in Tokyo, on September 6, 7, and 8. The Plenary will be preceded by a one-day meeting of the Executive Committee.

Among other things, we will have to approve a message to the 50th General Assembly, as well as a tentative table of contents for our final report and guide lines for an interim report to the Commission for Sustainable Development next year. We will also discuss a list of background papers to be commissioned as well as plans for global and regional hearings. You will receive draft documents in the near future. It will be a very busy session.

There will be a Press Conference in Tokyo, for the official launching of the Commission.

You will receive an official invitation from President Soares in the near future. We would be grateful if you could make your own travel arrangements. Your air fare (business class) will be refunded in Tokyo.

Fund raising is well in hand. We have already raised well over a million dollars

It is a great relief that everything is on course now. This Commission is a great challenge and offers a formidable opportunity for a unique kind of contribution to the making of a genuinely new order for the next century.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tokyo, with all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Elisabeth



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To: Professor M.S. Swaminathan
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: 29 August, 1995

Subject: World Commission

My dear Swami,

I was quite shocked to be notified --very late indeed --by President Soares' office of the sudden cancellation of our meeting and its postponement to December.

Let me only hope this has not caused you too much inconvenience. Since I got you into this, I feel a bit responsible.

Our Japanese hosts wrote, advising me that they have accepted the postponement and that the new date for the session is December 13, 14, 15. All else remains unchanged.

I hope and pray you may be available at that time!

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,