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To: H.E. Ambassador Juan Somavia
FAX No: 212 972 9875

From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
FAX No: 1 902 868 2455

Date: 7 June, 1995

Subject: Independent World Commission for the Oceans

Dear Juan,

I tried to call you, but no luck --and the matter is somewhat urgent!

I don't know whether Layashi Yaker has been in touch with you. He is presently in Barcelona, and I can't reach him.

The point is: You already have kindly agreed to be a member of the Ocean Commission, and we now would like to ask you whether you could accept to be the Vice Chairman for Latin America. This is a group of six: President Soares; Layashi for Africa, myself for North America; you for Latin America; Yoshio Suzuki (Nomura Research Institute) for Asia Guido de Marco for Europe, and probably we shall add one more --and it will function as the Executive core group of the Commission. We very much would like to have you on that!

The group will meet in Lisbon the end of this month. President Soares is inviting us to stay at a fabulous place 30 km from Lisbon, looking over the sea. We should arrive on the 29th of June; sessions will start on the 30th after luncheon, and will go on July 1 and 2. And the end (either Sunday afternoon or Monday morning) there will be a press conference, where the establishment of the Commission will be announced.

You will get an official invitation from President Soares.

Please call me and let me know whether you can make it as I hope and pray!

My number is 902 868 2818 at home (in the afternoon). During the mornings I am in class, because our IOI training programme has started.

All the very best. I really think this work will be very exciting.

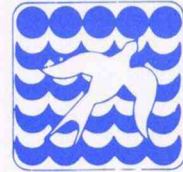
Yours as ever,

Elizabeth



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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese

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Date: 9 July, 1995

Subject: World Commission on the Oceans

My dear Juan:

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 Environmental 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,

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INDEPENDENT WORLD COMMISSION ON THE OCEANS

H.E. Juan Somavia
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Dear Juan:

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.

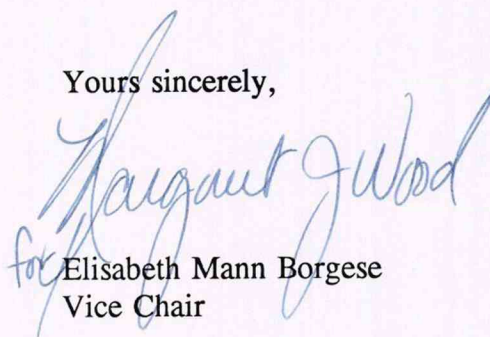
A set of documentation for the meeting will be sent within the next two weeks.

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 that reads "Margaret Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

for Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Vice Chair

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MESSAGE:

Enclosed, you will find a letter
from Ambassador Juan Smeu

REPUBLICA DE CHILE
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Ms. Elizabeth Mann Borgese
Vice Chair
Independent World Commission on the Oceans
Halifax, Nova Scotia
CANADA

New York, August 18 1995

Dear Elizabeth

Thank you so much for your letter regarding the first meeting of the Commission on the Oceans. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for me to attend because I was called by President Frei to Chile in order to prepare his visit to New York on the occasion of the 50 anniversary of the UN. I will therefore be in Santiago until the third week of September.

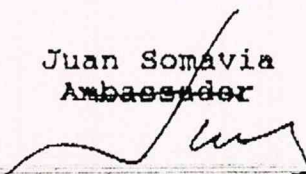
Nevertheless I would like to express my total commitment to the objectives and work of the Commission and I will do my very best to collaborate with it, although the practical constraints I will necessarily face due to my work at the United Nations (as of the 1st of January 1996, Chile is becoming a non permanent member of the Security Council).

The work you've already done in bringing about this Commission is very commendable and I am certain that your presence as Vice Chair will be of fundamental importance to its future work.

For your information, I am enclosing the letter I sent President Soares. I wish you all the best in the inaugural session, which I am very sorry to miss.

With best regards and appreciation, *and*
my continuing admiration for your extraordinary
energy, vision and commitment. I am proud
to be your friend!

Juan Somavia
Ambassador



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H.E. Mr. Mario Soares
President of the Republic
Lisbon, Portugal

New York, August 18, 1995

Your Excellency

It is with great honour that I accept your invitation to become a member of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans. I am certain that the work of the Commission will be greatly enriched by your known wisdom and enormous capacity.

Your initiative of convening this Commission certainly represents a very important step in our dealings with the oceans, such a vital natural element for all humanity.

Chile, during its almost 200 years as an independent country, has attached enormous importance to the oceans, not only as means of communication but because of its incommensurable socio-economic potential. As such, we have been active actors in the Convention on the Law of the Sea and, in conjunction with other latinamerican countries, we introduced the concept of Exclusive Economic Zone, which has now been incorporated by the international community as a whole.

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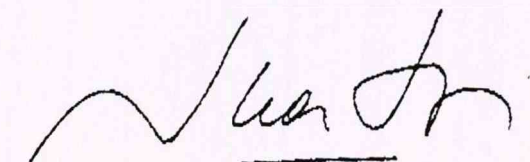
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I will gladly collaborate to the best of my abilities in the work the Commission will undertake. Unfortunately, Your Excellency, I will not be able to attend the Tokyo meeting since I've been asked by President Eduardo Frei to be in Chile in those same days.

Finally, I would like to convey to you my deep appreciation and gratitude. I am certain that with your clear guidance and the dedicated work all of those who are taking part in the Commission, this first meeting will be the starting point of a very fruitful experience.

With my best wishes of success,



Juan Somavia
Ambassador

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New York, November 20, 1995

Ms. Elizabeth Mann Borghese
Vice Chairperson
Independent World Commission for Oceans

Dear Elizabeth:

I write you in regard to the Independent World Commission for Oceans which you have so kindly invited me to be a member. I wish to reiterate my willingness and desire to be a part of this initiative which I think is of the utmost importance.

Unfortunately, due to unavoidable prior commitments, I will not be able to participate in the inaugural session of the Commission, to be held in Tokyo, next December.

I would like to suggest if for that occasion, Cristián Maquieira, who has worked very closely with me on all matters in the last five years, could be invited to take my place.

As you know, he was involved, as a member of the Chilean Delegation in all sessions of the Law of The Sea Conference and was Head of the Delegation to the Preparatory Committee of the Seabed Authority and in the course of those sessions he chaired the Group of 77.

He also participated in the preparatory work for the Rio Conference on Chapter 17 of Agenda 21 "Protection of the Oceans" and recently, he was involved in the preparations of the participation of Chile in the U.N. Conference of Stradling Stocks and Highly Migratory Species.

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In preparing myself to discharge my duties as member of the Commission I have already asked Cristián Maquieira to collaborate with me in this endeavour. I highly value his professional competence and political understanding of these issues.

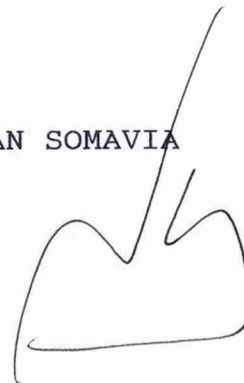
In this framework, his participation at the first session will ensure that I am fully attuned with the work of the Commission from its inception.

I look forward to working with you in the Commission.

Best Wishes,

*Compro su dedicación
por este incidente.
You count with
my full support*

JUAN SOMAVIA





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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: 24 November, 1995

Subject: World Commission

Dear Juan,

Thanks so much for your fax letter of November 20 which I found here on my return from Slovenia.

Actually, it was not I, in the final analysis, who invited you to join the Commission. It was President Soares to whom, of course, Layashi Yaker and myself suggested your name! But he is now the one who is in charge. I am merely a Vice Chairperson!

I am faxing your letter to Layashi who, as you know,, is the Secretary-General of the Commission. Of course I know Maqueira who is an excellent man. Please give him my warmest regards.

It certainly would be useful to have him, and I would recommend to President Soares to give your letter favourable consideration. However, it is my impression that he is very restrictive with regard to the attendance of this first Plenary. It is my understanding that he will have only Commission Members there, but, at any rate, the matter is out of my hands.

I am sure you will hear from Layashi very soon.

All the very best, and if I don't see you before, I hope to see you in New York at the end of February or early March, when I will be there for the CSD.

All the very best,

Elisabeth