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Rovinj, 16 November 1996

Dear Elisabeth, *Elisabeth*

It was good to see you at the recent meeting of the IWCO Study Group and exchange views on a number of subjects of mutual interest. I was particularly pleased with your strong support for action on regional level which, I always believed, is probably the most effective way for international cooperation in the field of marine affairs. Naturally, keeping in mind UNCLOS as the global framework for such cooperation.

While I trust that we shall continue promoting our shared views, in the meantime I would like to ask you for a favour.

You may be aware that I was asked to prepare one of the background reviews which will be used for the Commission's report. The review is expected to cover international programmes relevant to the Commission's report. Specifically, the review is expected:

- to describe major programmes implemented, initiated or planned by United Nations system, other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations, including information on their legal and institutional frameworks, present status and participants;
- to analyze the achievements and shortcomings of the described programmes, including the major factors hindering a more effective development of these programmes;
- to analyze the interrelationship (synergy, complementarity, overlap) between the described programmes and the potential benefits from their synergistic impact; and
- to suggest actions to enhance the advantages which could be gained from the described programmes in furthering the rational management of oceans and their resources.

The review is expected to focus on programmes whose primary aim is:

- (a) to provide the scientific rationale for sustainable management of oceans' living and non-living resources by:
- increasing the knowledge about, and understanding of, the present status of the oceans and their resources;

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- monitoring the dynamics of oceans' biogeochemical (including ecological) processes;
  - exploring the interaction between the oceans and the atmospheric and terrestrial (including socioeconomic) processes; and
  - narrowing the uncertainties in forecasting emerging problems and enhancing the predictive capabilities of natural and social sciences in the fields relevant to global changes expected to influence the oceans and coastal areas; and
- (b) to protect and use the oceans and their resources by:
- rational management of living and non-living ocean resources; and
  - integrated planning and management of marine and terrestrial ecological and socioeconomic systems.

As you can see, it will not be easy to prepare a review covering in a balanced way the issues listed above. Since my separation from UNEP, I am no longer following systematically the activities of IOI which would have to be reflected in the review. Therefore, I am turning to you with request to provide me with the information (selection of relevant ~~new~~ publications, reports, documents, leaflets, newsletters, etc.) which may allow me to present IOI's programmes as they deserve to be presented.

You could either send any IOI input to my address indicated above or, even better, bring it with you to the forthcoming meeting of the Commission in Holland.

Sorry to burden you with this request but I feel that the proper presentation of IOI activities in the report I am preparing would be of mutual interest to IOI and the Commission.

Best personal regards, until I see you soon.

Yours sincerely,

*Stjepan*



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To: Dr. Stjepan Keckes  
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese  
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Date: December 5, 1996

Subject: Your fax of 16 November

Dear Stjepan,

I found your fax on my return from Rotterdam! You must have wondered why I did not mention it when we saw each other there!

I hope I am still in time with the information you need. We have done a lot since the time you left UNEP!

I am sending you a couple of brochures from here, as well as a project on taking "eco-technologies" to poor fishing villages which is catching on like wildfire. It got generous financing from the German Government. They are quite enthusiastic about it. And it really is the kind of things I want to do. It is direct action. It helps people. We are also getting spirulina to refugee camps and to schools for starving children in drought-stricken areas. Besides, of course, the usual training programmes, policy research projects, conferences, alumni activities, leadership seminars, etc.

I am asking Krishan Saigal to send you the complete work plan of all our institutes. It will rather boggle your mind...

I am not happy about the relations between IOI and the Commission. Perhaps your background review can contribute to improving this relationship!

Good luck and all the very best,

Yours as ever,

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Rovinj, 22 December 1996

Dear Elisabeth and Mr Saigal,

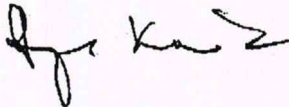
Thank you for Elisabeth's fax of 5 December, and for the just received letter of 12 December from Mr Saigal, together with IOI's 1997 Workplan.

I am still eagerly awaiting the brochures promised in Elisabeth's fax. They would be badly needed because I hope that I could extract from them up-to-date general information about IOI (established, structure, mode of operation, funding, past achievements, etc.) which would be needed to present it in my review for the Commission. The only information I have is from the past volumes of the Ocean Yearbooks (vol.7 is the last one I have), but it seems too fragmented and largely out of date..

I would appreciate it if either of you could send me urgently something that I could use for presenting IOI in my review in a comprehensive way, as it definitely deserves to be presented.

I wish both of you pleasant Holidays and a successful 1997 IOI Year.

Yours,





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12 December, 1996

Dear Mr. Keckes,

With reference to Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese's telefax message to you dated 5 December 1996 (copy attached for easy reference), please find enclosed the complete work plan of the International Ocean Institute for 1997, for your information.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Krishan Saigal  
Executive Director

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C.C. EAB. (by post).

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Dear Dr. Keckes,

Thank you very much for your fax of today regarding the draft text of IOI for IWCO. I have discussed with Prof. Borgese and the following are some suggested minor amendments for your consideration.

**Introduction:** May read as follows:

IOI was established in 1972 as a non-governmental organisation with the objective of utilizing the ongoing negotiations on the law of the sea as an opportunity for developing ideas which could lead to the establishment of a new world order.

**Footnote 85:** May read as follows:

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**Footnote 86:** In the topics of courses, the following may be added:

law of the sea; implementation of Agenda 21; harmonising Law of the Sea and Agenda 21 with the Biodiversity and

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Regarding Cooperation between UNDP Project and Regional Seas Programme.

4 Centres were set up under the UNDP Project, IOI India and IOI South Pacific have excellent relations with SACEP and SPREP. India has run a course for SACEP and South Pacific and SPREP are cooperating in Train-Seacoast. Senegal and Costa Rica (set up later) are establishing contact with the relevant RSPs. It would not be quite correct to say that there is no cooperation.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Krishan Saigal  
Executive Director

c.c. Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese



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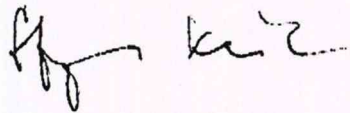
**HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

I am about to finish my review for IWCO on various programmes and institutional arrangements. Attached is the text I drafted about IOI for the main chapter of the review. It is shorter than I would have liked, but I have to keep the whole review in quite condensed form. Your comments, if any, would be welcome.

In other for chapters of the review there are still a few references to IOI, including a "nasty" footnote on inadequate cooperation between your UNDP project and the Regional Seas Programme.

Best personal regards.

Yours,





## INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE (IOI)

IOI was established in 1972 as a non-governmental organization<sup>85/</sup> to promote environmental ocean-related concerns, with focus on the negotiations which led to the adoption of UNCLOS, and on its subsequent implementation.

The activities of the Institute include:

- ▶ annual Pacem in Maribus conferences (twenty-four since 1970) which provide a forum for policy-makers, managers, scientists to exchange views on various issues related to the protection of the oceans and use of their resources;
- ▶ numerous global, regional and national training courses for policy makers, planners, and managers on a wide-range of topics related to the implementation of UNCLOS<sup>86/</sup>;
- ▶ regional and national "hearings" in support of IWCO;
- ▶ policy research on issues such as: ocean governance; science and technology in implementation of UNCLOS; regional cooperation;
- ▶ fund raising for scholarships granted by IOI, and for support of IOI activities; and
- ▶ publication of Ocean Yearbooks (12 volumes until now), proceedings of Pacem in Maribus conferences and hearings, and other occasional publications promoting the cause of the oceans.

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<sup>86</sup> Topics of the courses organized by the Headquarters and regional centres include: marine environmental law and policy; dispute settlement; coastal zone management; protection and management of fishery resources, mangroves and coral reefs; protection of biodiversity; sea-bed exploration and opportunities for exploitation; socio-economic aspects of marine resource uses; awareness building. Special courses are organized for training of trainers for subsequent courses.

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Policy research: The following may be added:

non-Western economic systems e.g. Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, traditional (indigenous).



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Subject: Note on IOI

My dear Stjepan,

Thanks for sending your draft. I have seen Dr. Saigal's suggestions, and these express our common agreement.

I just feel an urge to add a personal note, because this question of the "nasty" footnote really irks and puzzles me. Of course I could be more to the point if I saw the text of that note, and if you could send it to me, that would be nice, but, at any rate, here are some general observations.

You know as well as I do that, from the very beginning, when you took charge of the Regional Seas Programme. IOI has always given the greatest importance to it. As a concept, it was an essential building block of the new ocean regime, and the way you conducted the programme was exemplary and inspiring. We always hailed this programme as one of the success stories, perhaps the best, of the United Nations, and most certainly the most important thing that came out of Stockholm.

Quite without prompting from UNDP, we have always tried to link our training programmes with the Regional Seas Programmes -- in many cases successful. As long as we conducted courses in Malta, we always had a representative of the Mediterranean Coordinating Centre, or some one from Africa. In the Caribbean we very successfully cooperated with Salvano Briceño and Beverly Miller. In Halifax, we regularly had UNEP's representative at the UN participate in our training programmes. We worked with UNEP on the Mediterranean Technology

Centre. In fact it was UNEP that paid for the feasibility study. We produced a series of booklets for UNEP, etc.

But in other cases UNEP did not respond. In any case, where there was lack of cooperation, it was at least as much UNEP's fault as our own. Obviously, like any organisation, UNEP had its own agenda, its own problems, and its own priorities, and IOI was not among them.

When the GEF project came up, its purpose was the establishment of four autonomous operational centres in developing countries to consolidate and expand the IOI training programmes. Cooperation with UNEP was suggested as a means, not as an end. Nor was it in any way a *sine qua non*.

I understand from UNDP that UNEP was as much encouraged to work with us as we were to work with them. But there was never any initiative on UNEP's side. We continued with our efforts -- sometimes successful as stated in Dr. Saigal's note, sometimes not.

Since Ms. Melvasano has taken over the programme, our relations with UNEP have intensified. Ms. Melvasano personally will take part in our training programmes, and in the course of this year we may work out other forms of cooperation in training -- even though we know that, after 1998, the future of UNEP, unfortunately, is not very clear.

In 1997 our cooperation with UNEP is reaching another high point..

You have undoubtedly seen the Draft Proposal submitted by the United Nations Environment Programme on Institutional Arrangements for the Implementation of the global programme of action for the protection of the marine environment from land-based activities (28 October 1996). This is a first-rate document. The only problem with it is that it uses an exemplary comprehensive institutional framework only for a narrow sectoral purpose.

The Proposal includes regional workshops, most of them during 1997. All our regional centres are going to participate in these. The purpose is to find the best ways and means, region by region, to place the implementation of the sectoral programme into the broader context of "sustainable development" at the regional



level. We are sending a number of policy papers developed by us to each one of our regional centres (including also the little paper I wrote for the World Commission) as a basis for discussion. These papers will have to be adjusted and adapted to the needs and possibilities of each region. . Particular attention will be given to the possibility of establishing regional Commissions for Sustainable Development (as in the Mediterranean); technology centres, or, rather systems, for the implementation of the technology cooperation provisions of *all* the new Conventions and Agreements (Biodiversity, Climate, Agenda 21, High Seas Fisheries, and the Law of the Sea Convention); and effective linkages between national, local, and regional technology development, starting with the project for the introduction of ecotechnologies in coastal bio-villages in India we have just launched and for which we have raised already quite a bit of money. I am convinced this will be a very tangible contribution to the Year of the Ocean in 1998!

Another agreement that we have with UNEP now is that our Operational Centres will serve as centres of distribution of UNEP materials, through their news letters, training programmes, and otherwise.

This being the situation, I ask you: What is the purpose, what is the usefulness of a "nasty footnote?" The only purpose it would serve would be to add grist to the mills of the enemies of the IOI -- who, thank goodness, are not many, but some of them are uncomfortably close at hand....

Happy New Year, and much love,

*Elrady*

P.S. For your edification, I am attaching the relevant page of the IOI/UNDP Project document. By mail, I am sending a copy of the background paper issued for the Seminar in India in 1992, mentioned in the first paragraph of this attached page. By chance, I have just reread and I find absolutely first-rate. I am sending it also to the Office in Geneva.

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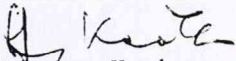
Geneva, 24 February 1997

Dear Colleague,

For your personal use, attached is an advance copy of the review prepared for IWCO, which I am distributing to selected members of the Commission.

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Best regards,

  
Stjepan Keckes



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Rovinj, 2 October 1998

Dear Elisabeth, *Elisabeth,*

Thank you for the nice words about the paper I have prepared for IWCO. As you may be aware the Secretariat did not like it too much and almost wanted to hide it under the carpet. The central message I tried to convey in the paper was that unless the existing international mechanisms, those of UN in particular, are better coordinated and rationally reorganized, there is no chance to have significant improvement in a comprehensive ocean governance. The proposed Observatory and Forum may be useful but are inadequate substitute for an improved intergovernmental mechanism which could become an effective operational arm of UNCLOS and other agreements. The opportunity to express this idea more forcefully and to reflect in the report a better and more accurate "third world perspective" was, unfortunately, irretrievably lost.

Be as it is, life goes on. And the fight for a better future. Keep it alive.

Love,

*Stjepan*