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OCEANS DAY AT GLOBAL FORUM

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THE BLUE PLANET

OCEANS AND THE EARTH SUMMIT

CALL FOR COMMITMENT

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PREAMBLE

ACKNOWLEDGING the oceans' pivotal role in Earth's ecosystem and in the social and economic systems of coastal and other States;

AFFIRMING that courageous and comprehensive oceans action needs to be taken today and far into the future to sustain our blue planet;

RECOGNISING that management and development of ocean resources must be governed by the twin principles of sustainability of resource use and integrity of the ocean environment;

ENDORISING the achievements of the Earth Summit, especially the advancement of development cooperation;

COMMITTED to working in partnership and vision towards a New Oceans Order;

THE FOLLOWING CALL FOR COMMITMENT IS ISSUED:

Management of High Seas

1. The international community must commit to recognising that the high seas and their living resources -- the Global Commons -- should be managed under agreed rules based on precautionary protection principles.

Global Institutional Arrangements

2. The international community must commit to developing new and effective global institutional arrangements to lead the way in law and policy innovations in oceans management, development, technology transfer, monitoring and environmental enforcement.

3. In particular, the creation of international environmental enforcement mechanisms is key to promoting the health and sustainable development of the Global Commons for the benefit of humankind.

Global Integrated Actions

4. The international community must commit to intensive measures implemented on an equitable basis, promote, strengthen and harmonise:

- a. interaction among coastal communities, national governments and regional organisations dependent on the oceans and their resources, with special emphasis on the needs of developing island States and coastal communities;
- b. comprehensive policies, laws, planning systems, research and programmes for the coordinated sustainable development of States' contiguous marine environments and the open seas;
- c. human resource development, capacity-building and multidisciplinary management training programmes for responsible decision-makers at all levels;
- d. public education programs and the development and use of educational materials of global relevance on sustainable management of marine and coastal resources;
- e. the development joint research and of and equal access to oceans technology to meet the needs of all ocean ecosystems;
- f. equal access to global oceans research and information systems, including oceanographic research, resource data and project management;
- g. partnerships to contribute to sound sustainable development and management of the oceans, including non-governmental organisations, industry, women and indigenous peoples.

High Seas Fishing

5. States must commit to international agreement and implementation of strong, comprehensive and clear rules, to:

- a. regulate high seas fishing and living marine resources; and
- b. give effect to the special interests and responsibilities of coastal States in high seas fishing and related matters.

A high-level conference must be convened urgently to achieve early agreement on such rules.

6. High seas fishing must be carried out using only sustainable and ecologically sound practices, and must not affect conservation efforts in the Exclusive Economic Zone. Its regulation must include meaningful reporting, monitoring and enforcement measures, and open and genuine cooperation with coastal States. States and their fishing industries must commit to initiating these measures immediately.

Land-Based Sources of Pollution

7. States must commit to environmental planning systems at national and international levels which take full account of the interaction between land, sea and atmosphere, including the further development of UNEP's Regional Seas Programmes and implementation of the Montreal Guidelines for the Protection of the Marine Environment against Pollution from Land-Based Sources.

Coastal Zone Management

8. The international community must commit to coastal zone ecosystem research programmes aimed at assessing and monitoring causes and levels of environmental degradation, and to implementing integrated ocean management measures to correct and prevent degradation.

9. The international community must commit as a priority to advance development of the following:

- a. human settlements compatible with the special needs of coastal zones;
- b. integrated management for sustainable use of living and non-living coastal resources;
- c. protection and restoration of degraded areas;
- d. protection of mangroves and coral reefs;
- e. treatment and responsible disposal of sewage and industrial wastes;
- f. protection of areas with high biodiversity and/or rare species.

Annual Oceans Day

10. The international community should declare an annual Oceans Day, dedicated to directing global attention to the oceans, and monitoring post-UNCED ocean agenda progress.



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The Oceans Institute of Canada is a federally incorporated, non-profit organization established in 1976 and dedicated to promoting responsible management of the world's oceans, and sustainable development of marine resources.

The Institute is a center of oceans expertise serving the public and private sectors at national and international levels. Work is carried out by a permanent staff and experts drawn from a multidisciplinary panel of associates.

A national, non-governmental organization (NGO), the Institute promotes full collaboration with many other establishments concerned with oceans affairs. Its headquarters is in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with a regional office in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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OCEANS DAY AT GLOBAL FORUM
The Blue Planet
Oceans and the Earth Summit

Monday, 8 June 1992
9:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Welcome to Oceans Day at Global Forum

On behalf of the Oceans Institute of Canada, I am delighted to invite you to attend Oceans Day at Global Forum, to be held on Monday, 8 June 1992, at Rio's Restaurant, Flamengo Park (ocean front), Rio de Janeiro. This will be a partnership event comprising NGOs, government, and business.

The following program outlines the objectives, panel topics, and timetable of Oceans Day. Keynote addresses and panel discussions are expected to provide a "Call for Commitment" for a new oceans order and recommendations on mechanisms to achieve it.

We sincerely hope that Oceans Day at Global Forum will contribute to moving the oceans to the centre of the sustainable development agenda and also promote constructive ocean initiatives in post-UNCED years.

We look forward to your participation in Oceans Day deliberations.

Judith Swan
Executive Director

Oceans Day at Global Forum

Purpose

- *The oceans' role in global sustainable development is pivotal. Oceans support all life and nourish the world's hungry.*
- *People live on land, but need to become urgently aware of their dependence on the oceans for continued survival.*
- *Moving the oceans into the centre of the sustainable development agenda will inspire crucial awareness and lead to positive action.*

Features

- *International experts, opinion leaders, and those in a position to speak for the oceans' contributions in sustaining the Blue Planet will convene to further the following objectives:*

Objectives

- **CONFIRM** the central role of oceans in sustainable development
- **STRENGTHEN** the voice of our oceans
- **FORGE** global partnerships to strengthen the management and health of our oceans
- **ACTIVATE** Agenda 21/Oceans
- **RALLY** consensus for future action

Oceans Day At Global Forum

Monday, 8 June 1992

Corcovado Salon, Rio's Restaurant, Flamengo Park
Adjacent to Global Forum (ocean front)

8:30 Registration

9:00

Welcome: Ms. Judith Swan
Executive Director, Oceans Institute of Canada

Introductions: Dr. Arthur W. May, Chairman
President, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Opening: Mr. Haraldo Mattos Lemos
Foundation for Research and Environmental Engineering,
Rio de Janeiro

Message from the Secretary General of UNCED

The Blue Planet: Dr. Roberta Bondar
Canadian Astronaut, Canadian Space Agency

Objectives: Dr. Arthur W. May, Chairman

9:40 AGENDA 21/OCEANS

Overview of Agenda 21/Oceans and the Earth Summit,
and the potential for the post-UNCED decade.

Dr. Alicia Barcena, Principal Officer on Oceans, Coastal
Areas and Living Marine Resources, UNCED

Dr. Arthur J. Hanson, President
International Institute for Sustainable Development

10:00 Coffee break

10:10

PANEL 1: HIGH SEAS MANAGEMENT

Trends in high seas fishing, strengthened high seas
management, and legal and policy directions.

Trends and concerns in High Seas Fishing: Rt. Hon. Sir
Peter Kenilorea, Director, South Pacific Forum Fisheries
Agency

Straddling Stocks: Professor Francisco Orrego Vicuna,
Professor of Law, University of Santiago

Impact on Coastal Communities: Ms. Bernadette Dwyer,
Fogo Island Cooperative

11:20 Discussion

11:45 Lunch

Address by Honourable John Crosbie, Minister, Fisheries
and Oceans Canada
Press Conference and Interviews

13:30

PANEL 2: LINKAGES WITH THE LAND

The degradation of the marine environment from land
based activities, Earth Summit initiatives and follow-up in
legal, policy, institutional, and monitoring areas.

Policy and Legal Issues: Dr. David Munro, Project
Director, World Conservation Union

Institutional and Monitoring Issues: Mr. Salvano Briceno,
Principal Officer, Intergovernmental Committee for a
Framework Convention on Climate Change

14:10 Discussion

14:30

PANEL 3: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

Priority needs for integrated and community based
management, highlight Earth Summit initiatives, and
recommend follow-up for strategic, policy, monitoring,
and evaluation areas.

Strategic and Policy Action: Dr. Mark Griffith,
Environmental Officer, Ministry of Labour, Consumer
Affairs and the Environment

Environment Monitoring and Evaluation: Dr. Magnus
Ngoile, Director, Institute of Marine Sciences

15:10 Discussion

15:30

TOWARDS A NEW OCEANS ORDER

Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Professor of Law, Victoria
University

15:50

Conclusions and Call for Commitment
Chairman: Dr. Arthur W. May

16:15

Closing: Ms. Judith Swan

16:30 Reception

Speakers List/Conférenciers/Oradores

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