

Brasília, February 25, 1991.

Dear Mr. Cotti,

As promised, I like to report briefly on the results of our mission to Toquio, Beijing and New Delhi, trying to rally support for a joint position for the UNCED Conference in Rio similar to the one we discussed in our meeting in Bern at the end of January.

In Beijing we were received by the Prime Minister Li Peng and other high governmental officials in the Environment and Science and Technology State Committee.

In New Delhi we saw Prime Minister N. Rao, the Minister of Environment and some high level adviser.

In Toquio we met the Minister of Environment Nakamura and close associates of ex-premier Takeshita, which seems to lead Japanese policies in this area.

I would summarize the results of our Mission as follows:

- 1 - The Chinese and Indians agree with us that the UNCED Conference in Rio is heading to nowhere and will in all likelihood end with the adoption of rhetorical statements. The fact that AGENDA 21 is made up of 700 pages is cited as an indication of lack of objectivity.
- 2 - India would like the Conference to end with the organisation of a Committee of ministerial level with powers to oversee the establishment of Protocols and meaningful treaties. The Conference, according to Prime Minister, Rao should not be "the end of a process, but the beginning of a process".
- 3 - China and India agree with us that the most we could get from the Conference is:
 - a. A commitment of industrialized countries to freeze their emissions at the 1990 level.
 - b. A commitment of developing countries to reduce their level of emissions if they get the technology and additional resources required for that. According

to Prime Minister Li Peng developing countries should incorporate modern technologies in their process of development.

- 4 - In order to do that one needs a FUND made up of contributors of industrialized countries collected in the way each one see fit (carbon taxes, a tax for international proposes being discussed by the japanese, or plain Treasure funds). This FUND should be quite distinct from ODA (Official Development Aid and used to cover incremental costs of actions that benefit the global commons.
- 5 - Japan favours the use of GEF (Global Environmental Facility) but India and Brazil are opposed to that because it would incorporate the usual conditionalities of the World Bank. The present GEF with a different governing body including key developing countries could be acceptable.
- 6 - Japan has invited a group of "wise man" from several countries to discuss - under the leadership of ex-Premier Takeshita - the financial mechanisms to establish a FUND. The meeting will take place in Tokyo, April 17-19. My impression is that Japan might in 1993, put several billion dollars into the FUND.
- 7 - Japan agrees in pressuring the United States to go along with such policies if China, India and Brazil take a moderate position at the UNCED Conference.
- 8 - China, India and Japan agree to meet with Brazil and Switzerland in Geneve or New York at the end of April to "save" the Rio Conference if the March/April PREPCOM meeting in New York does not reach satisfactory results.

Sincerely yours,


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Monsieur le Conseiller fédéral,

J'ai l'avantage de vous transmettre ci-joint une lettre du 25 février 1992 (et non pas 25 février 1991 comme indiqué sur la lettre) du Ministre José Goldemberg concernant la convention sur les changements climatiques.

Comme convenu, l'intéressé a consigné dans la correspondance susmentionnée les principaux enseignements qu'il a tirés de sa récente mission au Japon, en Chine et en Inde.

Veuillez croire, Monsieur le Conseiller fédéral, à l'assurance de ma haute considération.

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Annexe mentionnée

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