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Dear Dr. Swaminathan,

We have come to the point in the IUCN triennium when I am obliged to seek formally your agreement to stand for a second term as President of IUCN. In the course of our preparations for the next General Assembly, it will soon become necessary to inform the Council and the IUCN Membership on this point.

I would like to stress that the Members of Council to whom I have spoken about this matter, as well as the staff in Gland and myself very strongly hope that you will agree to seek a second term as IUCN President. Indeed, given the many important initiatives under way for our Union in connection with the fortieth anniversary of IUCN, there is a pressing need for continuity under your leadership.

It is my understanding that you will be reducing your commitments to the International Rice Research Institute in the near future, and so I would also like to inquire as to what we might do to facilitate your being able to spend even more time with IUCN from 1987 onwards, both in consultations at IUCN Headquarters and in the field. We would be delighted if it might prove possible to make detailed arrangements for those purposes.

Let me close by extending to you all best wishes for the New Year along with the appreciation of the IUCN staff for all that you are doing for the Union.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keriton'.

Keriton R. Miller
Director General

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Dear Sir,

Please accept my appreciation for your leadership and guidance during these past three-years. The Union has come a long way and has met important challenges.

With Martin's experience the organization should now take another leap forward into new and permanent quarters, solid finance and greater independence.

I urge you to take personal interest in ensuring that our pains in Latin America are not lost. And, fundamental to the future of UCTU is consolidation and synergy of all its component parts.

While I stand aside, and move on to other responsibilities, you know that I shall always be available to serve the Union.

With warmest regards

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