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Dear Mr. Nakamura,

I am delighted to offer my support for the nomination of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan for the Blue Planet Prize 1995.

As one of the world's leading scientists, Dr. Swaminathan's career has been dedicated to sustainable agriculture and the preservation and improvement of the world's ecological resources. He has made a unique contribution to food and agricultural science and technology, particularly for the benefit of the rural poor in developing countries.

In addition to his many high posts of responsibility within the Indian government, Dr. Swaminathan has occupied a number of international positions of great responsibility and distinction. His scientific prowess is amply illustrated by the exceptional honours bestowed upon him by many international organizations and academic institutions.

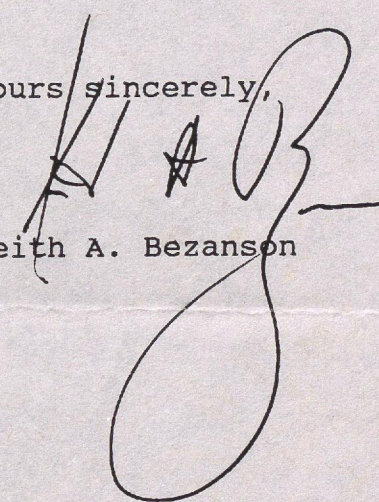
The relationship between IDRC and Dr. Swaminathan dates back to the early eighties, when he was Director General of the International Rice Research Institute. Since then, and in his various capacities, IDRC has collaborated closely with him on a host of research activities, the most recent of which being the Iwokrama International Rainforest Programme in Guyana.

The myriad of Swami's accomplishments in genetic conservation and enhancement have greatly strengthened the research capacity in these areas. He has advocated successfully the recognition that biodiversity and intellectual property rights are priority areas that extend beyond the scientific community.

On a more personal note, I should add that Dr. Swaminathan is one of the most humane, gentle and thoughtful men it has been my privilege to know. He would bring lustre and distinction to any organization which saw fit to honour him. It gives me great pleasure to add my name in support of his nomination.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



Keith A. Bezanson

bcc. Norman Myers

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28 October 1994

Dear Dr. Myers,

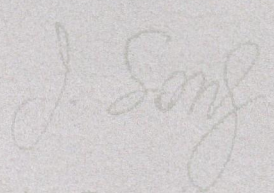
Thank you very much for your letter of 17 October 1994.

I am happy to write a letter of reference on behalf of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan for the Blue Planet Prize 1995, which I am attaching for your reference.

Have known Dr. Swaminathan personally for quite some time and much impressed with his aspirations and accomplishments, I hope and believe that he will be awarded this Prize.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,



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23 October 1984

Dear Mr. Yu Nakamura,

It is my great pleasure to nominate Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Director of both the M.S. Research Foundation and the Centre for Research on Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development, India for the Blue Planet Prize 1985, awarded by your foundation.

Dr. Swaminathan is one of the world's foremost agricultural scientists. His reputation has not only been earned with his contribution to the world's agricultural development and conservation of the global ecosystem as Director-General of the International Rice Research Institute, but also with his remarkable accomplishments in the field of plant genetics and agriculture. With his aims and aspirations, Dr. Swaminathan has devoted himself to the life-long endeavor of achieving co-existence of people, society and the environment. With a goal of integrating ecological sustainability, economic efficiency and social equity, he has utilized both his knowledge and the institutions that he has set up to disseminate science and technology to the mass of the rural communities in India, which has resulted in the development of innovative technologies that on the one hand enable the low-income farmers to derive full benefit from technological progress, and on the other, and on the other support sustainable agriculture and foster conservation of natural resources. In recognition of his efforts and achievements in this regard he has been awarded dozens of honorary titles and quite a number of eminent awards. He is known as "the father" of India's Green Revolution, and has been appointed to a number of prestigious positions of international organizations in the agricultural and environmental fields.

Having been working in the same field of addressing the problem of upgrading the living standards of the grass-root farmer through science and technology, I have been known Dr. Swaminathan for quite some years. Apart from our other communications, we had the opportunity of sharing experiences in an International Eco-technology and Rural Employment Dialogue held in Madras, India in April, 1991.

It is for reasons stated above that I strongly support Dr. Swaminathan for the Blue Planet Prize 1991, and your positive consideration to his nomination would be much appreciated.

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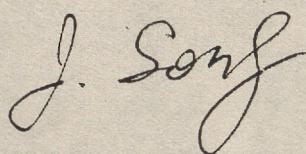
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Dear Norman,

Thank you for your letter which reached me only at the end of October.

However, I have sent fax to the Blue Planet Prize, strongly endorsing the nomination of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan.

I very much hope that he will get the prize.

Let us try to meet soon.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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15 NOV 1994

Dear Ms Nagahiro,
Dear Mr Nakamura,

I am writing to support the nomination of Dr M.S. Swaminathan for and the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation for the "Blue Planet" Prize in 1995.

While it is not the custom of UNESCO to nominate or support nominations of persons or institutions for international or national prizes, I consider the case of Dr Swaminathan and his Research Foundation to be exceptional. Indeed, their work in promoting concrete action for the rural poor, is an outstanding example of a pragmatic contribution to achieving human sustainable development, which is one of the major goals of UNESCO. In particular, I endorse the work of Dr Swaminathan's Centre for Research on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development concerning such subject as the conservation of genetic diversity and the establishment of "biovillages". The awarding of the "Blue Planet" Prize would serve to heighten the international reputation of the M.S. Swaminathan Foundation and encourage other personalities and countries to emulate such pioneering and worthwhile work.

I hope that you will be able to give favourable consideration to the candidature of Dr Swaminathan and his Research Foundation for the "Blue Planet" Prize for 1995.

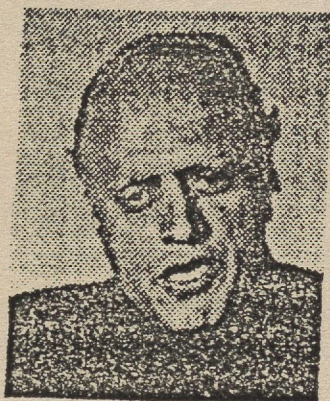
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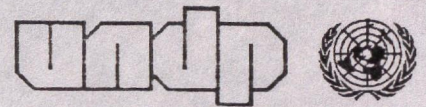
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15 March 1995

Dear Mr. Nakamura and Ms. Nagahiro:

It is an honor to write this letter in support of the selection of **Dr. M.S. Swaminathan** and the **M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation and the Centre for Research on Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development** for the *1995 Blue Planet Prize*.

I have known Dr. Swaminathan and his work for many years, and I can think of no more appropriate recipient of this prestigious international prize. In my view, he is a man of truly unique commitment and accomplishment in the fields of global environmental problem-solving and human development -- fields to which my own organization, the United Nations Development Programme, has devoted itself for nearly a half century.

I have carefully reviewed the *1995 Blue Planet Prize* Nomination Requirements, and am convinced that an extremely compelling case can be made for both the "Academic Award" as well as the "Development and Implementation Award." With someone of Dr. Swaminathan's prodigious record of achievement, the challenge is to summarize his work in the few paragraphs I have here.

As you may be well aware, for the past 40 years, Dr. Swaminathan has played a pivotal role worldwide in the conservation of biological diversity. As one of the world's leading agricultural scientists, his efforts were catalytic in India's green revolution, and because of his emphasis on both conservation and utilization of natural resources for human welfare, Dr. Swaminathan is widely known as the father of the field of economic ecology. His research on the conservation of wild relatives of wheat, rice and potato led to the development of a strong national food security system throughout India. He was also a primary architect of the worldwide network of agricultural research centers (CGIAR), serving as member and chair of its technical advisory committee from its inception. The CGIAR has served humanity well as an effective instrument for increasing the world's food production in environmentally sound ways. Dr. Swaminathan also served as Director General of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) for a decade.

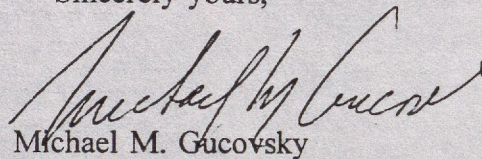
Dr. Swaminathan's work with UNDP and others for the conservation of the world's largest national park, the Iwokrama in Guyana, is making a significant contribution to the preservation of the precious tropical rain forest. His center's cutting edge work on mangrove conservation in India and throughout Asia, is helping prevent the extinction of this ecosystem and its multitude of species. Dr. Swaminathan's leadership of the International Commission on Food and Peace has offered the world innovative and powerful new approaches to resolving the food and population crises -- clearly central issues to the future of mankind and the health of the planet.

The M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation is playing a leading role in India now in fundamental and applied research related to biotechnology and conservation of ecosystems, and the involvement and ownership of such research initiatives by local communities themselves. His center is also involved in assisting local government develop environmental policies, as well as in expanding environmental awareness through media, education, as well as the promotion of research on environmental topics. Training for researchers is another area of primary focus for this dynamic center.

Dr. Swaminathan's career of original scientific accomplishment in a wide range of disciplines is exemplified by his more than 200 published articles and books, and testifies to his original and advanced academic and technical accomplishments.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in supporting the selection of Dr. Swaminathan, one of the world's most prominent environmental leaders and humanitarians, for this noteworthy prize. I wish to express my full support for this inspired choice in the very strongest terms possible.

Sincerely yours,



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