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Professor M. S. Swaminathan
Madras, India.
Former Director of IRRI, Manila.

25th November 1991

Dear Professor Swaminathan,

I am writing on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China to invite you to become a Member of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development.

This Council was established by decision of the Chinese Government in April 1991, and its inaugural meeting will take place in the State Guest House, Beijing, from Tuesday 21st April to Thursday 23rd April 1992.

1. The China Council

The main purpose of the council is to facilitate cooperation between China and the international community in the field of environment and development.

More information on its objectives, organisation and arrangements are provided in the Draft Terms of Reference enclosed. In particular, the Council will establish a number of expert working groups on priority issues to strengthen its expertise and to provide sound substantive preparations for its discussions.

The Council is an advisory body to the Chinese Government. Its proposals, suggestions and comments will be conveyed directly to the Government at the highest level.

The initiative to create this new council is one result of the "International Conference on the Integration of Economic Development and Environment in China", held in Beijing in October 1990.

The Council will be composed of around twenty Chinese Members of Ministerial or Vice-ministerial rank, together with several eminent Chinese experts. Also, a number of Provincial Governors, Mayors or other experts will be invited to attend each Council session. I enclose a preliminary list of the Chinese Members of the Council.

There will also be around twenty Members on the international side, who will participate as experts in their personal capacities, at the invitation of the Chinese Government. They will be eminent figures, chosen for their expert knowledge and experiences. They will come from different fields of expertise: environment, economics, science, technology, energy policy, agriculture, industry, business, finance, education etc. .

I am honoured to have been designated by the Chinese Government to be the first Chairman of the Council. I am at present State Councillor , Chairman of the Environment Protection Commission under the State Council, and also Chairman of the State Science and Technology Commission.

Two Chinese Vice-chairman have also been nominated. They are: Mr. Qu Geping, Administrator of the National Environmental Protection Agency; Mr. Gu Ming, Vice Chairman of the Committee of Legal Affairs, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

I am very pleased to inform you that Dr. Marcel Masse, President of the Canadian International Development Agency, has agreed to serve as International Vice-chairman.

The international response to this initiative has been very positive and I enclose a list of those international personalities who have so far agreed to join the council. We are still awaiting the decisions of a number of others.

I am also pleased to inform you that the Government of Canada has made a generous contribution of five million Canadian Dollars to initiate the activities of the Council and of its working groups. Also, the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, which have played an essential role in supporting all the preparatory activities to date, have agreed to continue to provide support to the Council.

With this financial backing, it has been possible to establish effective support for the activities of the Council, both within China and at the international level. The National Environmental Protection Agency will be responsible as the secretariat of the Council, supported by a liaison office in Vancouver, Canada.

2. Arrangements for the Inaugural Meeting

The Inaugural Meeting will take place from Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd April 1992 in the State Guest House, Beijing.

I know that you have many other important commitments. I therefore wish to inform you that it would be most convenient if you could arrive in Beijing on Saturday 19th, or Sunday 20th April.

It will be possible for you to leave Beijing on Friday 24th April, or on Saturday 25th if you wish. If, however, you should wish to travel more extensively in China after the meeting, we will be happy to help with the arrangements.

I am pleased to inform you also that we are in a position to meet the cost of first-class air travel to Beijing. If you are able to accept this invitation, we will then inform you of the arrangements to be made for your ticket and visa.

We would be delighted also to welcome your wife (husband) if she (he) should wish to accompany you and we will gladly meet all her (his) expenses in Beijing. However we are not, unfortunately, in a position to provide a second air ticket.

In order to provide a solid basis for the deliberations of the Council, a number of issue papers are now being prepared. These will be sent out, together with a draft agenda and a note on the programme and the practical arrangements, in good time before the Inaugural Meeting.

The Chinese Government recognizes that, in the interests of long-term, sustainable development, it must coordinate and manage the environmental issues of China harmoniously with economic growth. This will help to improve China's economic prospects, and to provide a more productive and healthier life for the Chinese people. It will also make an important contribution to the protection of the world environment as a whole.

I very much hope that you will be prepared to accept this invitation by the

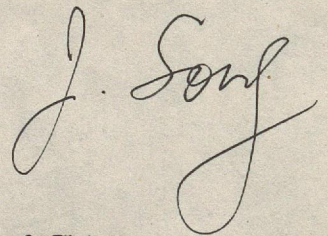
Chinese Government. Your knowledge and experience will help us greatly with the difficult and challenging tasks to be undertaken by the China Council.

If you should require further information, please contact Mr. Xia Kunbao, Secretary of the Council (at the above address) or alternatively, you may contact Mr. Martin Lees, International Coordinator in Paris; telephone 33. 1. 39. 71. 77. 75 or fax 33. 1. 39. 65. 65. 19.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Song Jian
State Councillor,
The People' s Republic of China

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Song', written in a cursive style.

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The China Council
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Programme and Arrangements

Programme

It would be most convenient if you could arrive in Beijing on Sunday 19th or Monday 20th April.

On Monday there will be an important preparatory meeting of the international participants at the Diaoyutai State Guest House, beginning at 10 a.m..

The Inaugural Session of the Council will also take place in the State Guest House. It will begin at 9 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday 21st April. There will be a formal opening session attended by top-level Chinese personalities and by the media. The Council session itself will then start, on a private basis.

On Tuesday evening, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a banquet offered by the Chinese Government.

The Inaugural session of the Council will conclude on the evening of Thursday April 23rd.

You will have the opportunity during your visit, to meet at least one of the supreme leaders of China, but it is not yet possible to fix the time for the meeting. If it is possible for you to plan your departure in the afternoon of Friday 24th April, this might be helpful if there should unexpectedly be a meeting with one of the Chinese leaders on Friday morning. This may be clear nearer the time.

On the evening of Thursday 23rd, a closing banquet is planned to which you may wish to invite a number of persons in Beijing who are not attending the Council meeting. Perhaps you would let us know the names of any Chinese or other friends in Beijing whom you would wish to invite.

Please let us know as soon as possible if your spouse will accompany you: he/she will be most welcome. A Special Programme will be arranged if required so that the spouses can visit points of interest in and around Beijing.

We also need to know as early as possible if you will be accompanied by any staff, and if so, their names, positions etc.. We shall meet the living expenses (board, lodging and transportation) of you and your spouse from 19-24 April when you are in Beijing. However, we are not able to bear the living costs of the staff who will accompany you.

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If you wish to travel more extensively in China after the meeting, we will be happy to help with the arrangements. However we must know your specific requirements as early as possible.

You will be given a complete programme for your visit on arrival in Beijing.

Travel Arrangements.

As indicated in the letter of invitation, you will be provided with a first class return ticket to Beijing if you wish. It would be most convenient if you would purchase the ticket yourself. You will be reimbursed in Beijing up to the amount of a first class ticket. Alternatively, we can make available a prepaid ticket.

Unfortunately, we are not in a position to provide a second ticket for your spouse. But we will gladly meet all her/his expenses in Beijing.

It has been agreed that a Member of the Council may use the first class entitlement to purchase two business class or tourist class tickets, so that he/she can be accompanied by his/her spouse. He/she will then be reimbursed up to the value of the first class return ticket. Please notify us in advance if you wish to do this.

Visa Arrangements.

Would you please inform us as soon as possible of the information needed to process your visa: full name; nationality; date and place of birth; passport number, date and place of issue, and date of expiry. Would you please also inform us which would be the most convenient Embassy/consulate for you to obtain the visa.

We also need this information for any person who will accompany you.

We will send you a letter of invitation after receiving your passport details with which you can process your visa at a Chinese Embassy or Consulate nearest to you.

Arrangements for Arrival.

You will be met at Beijing airport where a VIP room will be made available. We will also provide you with stickers which will enable us to locate your bags more quickly.

The person responsible for coordinating your travel arrangements is:

Mr. Zhang Chongxian

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Would you please notify us of your flight number and arrival time as early as possible. And inform us of any changes.

Accommodation.

On arrival, transport will be available to take you to the Diaoyutai State Guest House in Beijing. Transport will of course also be available to take you to the airport for departure.

The Guest House provides all modern facilities. The address is:

The Diaoyutai State Guest House,
San Li He Lu,
Beijing.
Telephone: 86-1-866-250
86-1-866-152
86-1-803-1188
Fax: 86-1-801-3362
Telex: 22798 DYTSG CN.

You will find enclosed a brochure on the State Guest House. The Guest House provides excellent facilities for recreation, including an indoor swimming pool, etc. The weather will be warm in Beijing.

There are also full medical facilities. We cannot assume responsibility for illness or injury while you are in China. You are responsible for your insurance arrangements for travel, medical and other purpose.

On arrival, you will receive a brochure providing information on the practical arrangements, and there will be staff available to provide you with whatever assistance you may require.

We will be able to provide accommodation at the Guest House, and to meet your living expenses there, from your arrival on Sunday 19th or Monday 20th April, until noon on Saturday April 25th.

If you wish to stay longer, it will be necessary for you to make your own arrangements: we would of course be happy to help.

We hope that you will enjoy your stay in China, and that the Inaugural Session of the China Council will have positive and successful results.

THE CHINA COUNCIL
FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
ON
ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Preliminary List of International Members

I. Approved by the Chinese and accepted:

1. Dr. Marcel Massé,
President,
The Canadian International Development Agency, CIDA,
Canada.
(Nominated as international Vice-Chairman).
2. H.E. Mr. Kazuo Aichi,
Member of the House of Representatives,
Vice Chairman,
The Policy Research Council of the LDP,
Former Minister of the Environment,
Japan.
3. Ing. Gabriele Cagliari,
President,
E.N.I.
Italy.
4. The Hon. Barber Conable,
Former President,
The World Bank,
USA.
5. Dr. Sinji Fukukawa,
Executive Vice President,
Kobe Steel Co.,
Former Vice Minister MITI.
Japan.
6. Mr. Daniel Goeudevert,
Chairman,
Volkswagen AG.,
Germany.
7. Professor José Goldemberg,
Minister of Education,
Brazil.

8. Mr. Charles de Haes,
Director General,
World Wide Fund for Nature,
Switzerland.
9. Dr. Martin Holdgate,
Director General,
IUCN - The World Conservation Union,
Switzerland.
10. Mr. John Jennings,
Managing Director,
Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies,
United Kingdom.
11. Dr. Volkmar Köhler,
Vice Chairman,
CDU Committee on Development Cooperation,
Former State Secretary,
Ministry of Development Cooperation,
Member of the Bundestag,
Germany.
12. Mr. Martin Lees,
International Coordinator for the China Council,
Adviser to the Secretariat,
France.
13. Ms. Julia Marton-Lefèvre,
Executive Director,
The International Council of Scientific Unions, (ICSU),
France.
14. Dr. Thomas Odhiambo,
President,
African Academy of Sciences.
Director,
The International Centre for Insect
Physiology and Ecology, Nairobi,
Kenya.
15. Dr. Sylvia Ostrey
Chairman,
Centre for International Studies,
University of Toronto,
Canada.
Former Director,
Department of Economics and Statistics,
OECD, France.

16. Mrs. Karin Söder,
Former Foreign Minister of Sweden,
Vice Chairman,
Stockholm Environment Institute,
Sweden.
17. Mr. James Gustave Speth,
President,
World Resources Institute,
USA.
18. Dr. Emil Salim,
Minister of State for Population and the
Environment,
Indonesia.
19. Professor M.S. Swaminathan,
Madras, India.
Former Director of International Rice Research Institute,
Manila.
20. Sir Crispin Tickell, GCMG KCVO,
The Warden,
Green College, Oxford,
President,
The Royal Geographical Society,
United Kingdom.
21. Mr. B. C. G. Zoeteman,
Deputy Director General for Environmental Protection, and
Adviser to the Minister,
Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment,
The Netherlands.

II. Additional Member under consideration:

1. H.E. Mr. Law Hieng Ding,
Minister of Science, Technology and Environment,
Malaysia.

Observers:

1. Mr. Peter Harris,
Representative for China,
The Ford Foundation,
People's Republic of China.
2. Dr. Kenneth Prewitt,
Senior Vice President,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
USA.
3. Mr. Attila I. Sönmez,
Chief of Mission,
The World Bank Resident Mission
in China,
People's Republic of China.
3. Mr. William R. Thomson,
Vice President,
Asian Development Bank,
The Philippines.

Special Guests at The Inaugural Meeting:

1. Professor Federico Mayor,
Director General,
UNESCO,
France.
2. Professor Heitor Gurgulino de Souza,
Rector,
The United Nations University,
Japan. (To be confirmed.)

4th February 1992

Dear Professor Swaminathan,

I am writing to bring you up to-date with the preparations for the inaugural session of the China Council which will take place as planned from 21st April to 23rd April in the State Guest House, Beijing.

As I mentioned earlier, there will be a private meeting of the international members on Monday 20th April: it would therefore be most helpful if you could arrive in Beijing on Saturday 18th or Sunday 19th April. The inaugural session will conclude with a banquet on the evening of Thursday 23rd April: you will therefore be free to leave on Friday 24th April. I hope that it will be possible for you to participate during the whole session of the Council in spite of your many other engagements.

You will receive shortly from the Chinese, a letter explaining the procedure to obtain visa and tickets and a note on the Programme and Arrangements for your visit.

I would first like to report to you that a meeting was held in Beijing on 21st and 22nd January, at which the members of the newly-constituted Bureau of the Council met for the first time. These are: State Counsellor Song Jian, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Commission of the State Council and President of the State Science and Technology Commission; Mr. Qu Geping, Administrator of the National Environmental Protection Agency; Mr. Gu Ming, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs of the National People's Congress; and Dr. Marcel Massé, President of the Canadian International Development Agency.

You will receive in due course, a letter from State Counsellor Song Jian concerning the nominations of the Chairman and the vice-Chairmen of the China Council.

As a result of this Bureau meeting, I am now in a position to send you the following documents:

- preliminary list of the international Members of the China Council;
- preliminary list of the Chinese Members of the China Council;
- a revised draft agenda for the inaugural meeting;
- draft Terms of Reference for the Council;
- draft Rules of Procedure for the Council.

Professor M.S. Swaminathan,
Madras,
India.

These papers should give you a clear picture of the membership, objectives, organisation and working methods of the Council.

You will have the opportunity to discuss the Terms of Reference and the Rules of Procedure, first during the private meeting of the international Members on Monday 20th April and then again during the Council session, under Agenda Item 4.

In order to save time at the Council session however, we would like to resolve as many technical matters as possible in advance, so that Members can concentrate as far as possible on substantive discussions.

I would therefore be very grateful if you could let me know as soon as convenient, whether you have any major questions about the draft Terms of Reference and the draft Rules of Procedure.

I also enclose a Summary Report of the "International Conference on The Integration of Economic Development and Environment in China" which was held in Beijing in October 1990. This provides valuable background information on environmental issues and activities in China: it may be helpful to you in preparing for the Council meeting. You will also receive a number of other background documents and some short issue papers to create a sound basis for discussions.

Please let me know if there is any more information you need at this stage.

Finally, I will be in New Delhi from 1st to 7th March: I would be delighted to see you again if this would be possible.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mart Lees

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Dear Professor M. S. Swaminathan,

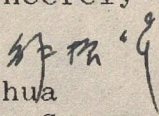
We are pleased to learn that you have accepted the invitation of Dr. Song Jian , the State Councillor of the People's Republic of China to be a member of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development.

As mentioned in Dr.Song's invitation letter ,the inaugural meeting of the council will take place from Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd April ,1992 at the Diaoyutai State Guest House in Beijing.

Enclosed please find Programme and Arrangements of the Council. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

With best regards

Yours sincerely


Xie Zhenhua
Secretary General,
China Council for International
Cooperation on Environment and
Development.
Deputy Administrator,
National Environment Protection
Agency

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M.S. SWAMINATHAN
Chairman

January 17, 1992

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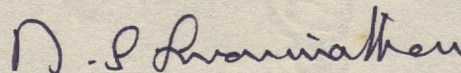
Dear Dr. Song Jian,

I am very grateful for your letter of 25th November 1991, inviting me to become a member of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development. I shall be very happy to serve on this unique Council and participate in its inaugural meeting from 21-23rd April. You can arrange to send the ticket through American Express (Binny Travels, LIC Building, Mount Road, Madras 600 002).

I am sending some recent publications for the use of the Council through Ms. Liu Shugin of the Chinese Society for Environmental Sciences who is currently in Madras attending the conference on Clean Coal Technologies.

With warm personal regards,

Yours Sincerely,



M.S. Swaminathan







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April 21, 1992

Beijing, China

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Prof. Sun Honghē,

Vice President,

Academia Sinica



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your good friend

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