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Tommy Koh
Chairman, Preparatory Committee
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Dear Chairman Koh,

I have attached a copy of a letter sent to Secretary General Strong regarding the Great Lakes Basin ecosystem. Because the issue of freshwater will be a high priority for the 1992 UNCED Conference in Brazil, we have asked the Secretary General to address Great Lakes Basin contamination and implementation of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement during the conference.

The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement is a precedent setting international agreement regarding the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes Basin ecosystem.

I have enclosed a copy of our report "Broken Agreement: The Failure of the United States and Canada to Implement the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement". This report outlines the specific instances where the federal governments of Canada and the United States have failed to comply with the terms of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

As Chairman, you will play a pivotal role in the discussions around issues. I am writing to you now to impress upon you the importance of the Great Lakes Basin as a unique global resource and the importance of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement as a model for environmental protection.

Yours very truly,

John Jackson
President