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Dear Ms. Oca,

This letter is in support of the application of Earth Child Institute to be granted official status as an NGO associated with the UN Department of Public Information.

I have known and worked with Donna Goodman and the Earth Child Institute on a number of successful and meaningful initiatives for benefit of the world's children and the environment for many years.

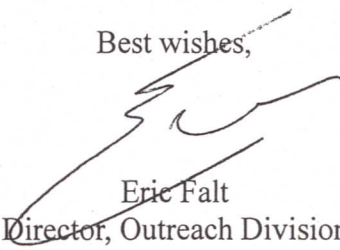
The work of the Earth Child Institute first came to my attention at the UNEP Tunza International Children's Conference in New London, Connecticut in 2004 and I continued to follow Ms. Goodman's work and capacity for interagency coordination during the time of her subsequent employment with UNICEF.

I have since become aware of her return to Earth Child and have followed the work that the Institute is doing with many UN partners, including UNESCO, UNICEF, UNFCCC, UNEP, FAO and ourselves at the United Nations.

As an NGO which is relatively small in size and resources, it is noteworthy that in the Earth Child Institute has successfully worked to support UN priorities such as the Convention of the Rights of the Child, the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

It is for these reasons, that I fully support acceptance of the application of the Earth Child Institute. I believe that the work of this NGO is and will continue to add value to our efforts to meet the MDGs and support the Charter of the United Nations.

Best wishes,


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