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Dear Donna,

I am writing you to welcome the participation of Earth Child Institute in the Children and Youth International Conference – *Let's Take Care of the Planet*, in June 2010. The International Conference is a Brazilian Government Initiative that will gather children and youth from 58 countries to discuss global socio-environmental change, and to collectively construct a Charter of Responsibilities – *Let's Take Care of the Planet*.

The involvement of Earth Child Institute in this initiative will focus on increasing the long-term impact of the conference by supporting the local actions of children when they return to their countries in through your "Small Grants Programme for Kids." As agreed, ECI and a team of youth advisers will facilitate an offering for grants of up to \$100 each for participating schools to implement adaptive and mitigative actions, such as tree planting, school gardens, rainwater harvesting, community mapping, advocacy, outreach and other activities related to the collectively assumed environmental responsibilities.

After the international conference, these actions will be planned and carried out locally by delegates and their schools. We appreciate your current pledge of grant funds to support activities at up to 20 schools. However, if possible we sincerely hope that Earth Child Institute can increase that amount in order to grant funds to a delegate from each of the 58 participating countries if sufficient funds can be raised.

I look forward to working with you on this initiative.

Sincerely,

Rachel Trajber
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