



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**The International Labour Organization/International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (hereinafter ILO/IPEC)**

and

**The World Organization of the Scout Movement (hereinafter WOSM)**

for

**Cooperation in the ILO/IPEC Programme Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media (SCREAM)**

### *Introduction*

This Memorandum of Understanding is agreed upon by **ILO/IPEC** and **WOSM** in relation to cooperation in the activities both partners pursue to raise awareness within society through children and youth on issues of social justice, human rights, the social dimension of globalization and, in particular, on child labour. Young people can be a driving force for change in society, provided they are given the space and support they need and deserve. Cooperation under this Memorandum aims at enhancing the meaningful participation of youth for self-empowerment by working through visual, literary, performing arts and sports as a means to gain skills and confidence. Furthermore, it strives for harnessing their creativity and compassion to contribute to a more solidarity-conscious society. By giving them responsibility to act and acknowledging the value of their contributions, young people develop self-discipline and self-esteem and at the same time acquire principles of justice, fairness and equality. Cooperation under this Memorandum will promote joint activities to equip young people with the knowledge to understand the full implications of globalization, the interdependence of the world and to appreciate the true meaning and value of responsibility, respect, and commitment. It will further contribute to the formation of a community-based worldwide network so as to foster understanding of the causes and consequences of child labour and to enhance the visibility of social and global related problems and possible solutions to child labour. Cooperation will, in particular, revolve around the World Day Against Child Labour (WDACL) celebrated each 12 June.

### *The Parties*

The **International Labour Organization** is the UN specialized agency which seeks the promotion of social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights. The ILO formulates international labour standards in the form of Conventions and Recommendations setting minimum standards of basic labour rights: freedom of association and collective bargaining, the elimination of forced and compulsory

labour, the abolition of child labour, the elimination of discrimination in the workplace and other standards regulating conditions across the entire spectrum of work related issues. On 10 June 2008, the ILO adopted, by acclamation, the Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, its third major statement of principles and policies following the Philadelphia Declaration of 1944 and the Declaration of Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work of 1998. The **International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour** aims to work towards the progressive elimination of child labour by strengthening national capacities to address child labour problems and creating a worldwide movement to combat it. ILO/IPEC's sustainable and comprehensive approach presupposes coalition building and reinforced networking among the various partners at national, regional and global levels, sharing the view that all activities should primarily focus on the best interests of the child. For that purpose, cooperation with governments, employers' and workers' organizations, UN agencies, NGOs, the media, academic institutions and the artistic community is essential, as is the strengthening of the social role of children and youth as multipliers of knowledge and initiatives in their respective communities. ILO/IPEC's mandate, policy and action on child labour are grounded in the ILO Constitution and, more specifically, in the legal instruments aiming at the abolition of child labour, in particular ILO Convention No. 138 on the minimum age for admission to employment and ILO Convention No. 182 on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour (WFCL).

The ILO recognises the inseparable link between the elimination and prevention of child labour and attaining shared objectives of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of universal primary education and the global Education For All (EFA) initiative. The ILO, together with UNESCO, the World Bank, UNICEF and the Global March Against Child Labour, are the founding members of a new international body, the **Global Task Force** on Child Labour and Education For All. The central role of the Task Force is to mobilize political will and momentum towards mainstreaming the issue of child labour and education in national and international development through advocacy, coordination and support.

The ILO is also a member of the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee on Human Rights Education in the School System (**UNIACC**), which provides support for the national implementation of the **Plan of Action of the World Programme for Human Rights Education** ('the World Programme') proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly. The World Programme aims to promote the implementation of human rights education in all sectors and reflects the international community's increasing recognition that human rights education contributes to long-term peace. The World Programme further reaffirms the need for continued actions at the international level to support national efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by the year 2015, in particular universal primary education, including human rights education, and for human rights education as a means of empowering groups suffering discrimination, particularly women and the poor. UNIACC is composed of 12 United Nations agencies and affiliated organisations (ILO, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDG, UNDP, UNDP, UNDP, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRWA, the World Bank) and is mandated, among other tasks, to submit a final evaluation report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Plan of Action at the national level, based on contributions received from Member States.

**SCREAM**, which stands for Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media, is an ILO/IPEC education and social mobilization educational tool aimed at granting all children the right to participate as well as to express their views on matters affecting them. The Arts, on which it focuses, are a particularly effective means to deepen young people's understanding of a topic and to provide them with powerful tools of self-expression by delving, through active learning methodology, into their creative and emotional spheres. It is based on the premise that young people have a key role to play in ensuring that fundamental human rights are respected worldwide and that a social dimension is fostered in the globalisation process. In order to increase the impact of that holistic methodology and to promote joint efforts for the progressive elimination of child labour as a priority matter, ILO/IPEC furthermore established the **12 to 12 Partnership Initiative**. This initiative aims to create a community-based worldwide network and to foster joint plans of action within the UN system, with the ILO social partners and civil society, i.e. NGOs, the media, academic institutions, and the artistic community. The range of joint activities is to be initiated and carried out during the 12 months between each WDACL on 12 June – hence 12 to 12.

The **World Organization of the Scout Movement** is a voluntary non-political educational movement for young people. Its purpose is to contribute to the global development of young people as individuals but also as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. This happens through a value system based on the ‘Scout Promise and Law’ to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. The latter is achieved by involving young people throughout their formative years in a non-formal educational process, by using a specific method that makes each individual the principal agent of his or her development as a self-reliant, supportive, responsible and committed person and by assisting them to establish a value system based upon spiritual, social and personal principles as expressed in the ‘Promise and Law’. To further these goals, programmes such as the ‘Scouts of the World Award’ have been launched which help young people to gain knowledge, skills and motivation to take an active part in bringing about social change at local, national and international level in order to create a more open, just and peaceful society. WOSM’s strategic areas of action encompass young people, adults, structures and systems which altogether constitute broad areas of work.

### ***Purpose of cooperation***

The Parties intend to cooperate towards the achievement of the following results:

- (1) creation of a worldwide community based network dedicated to children and youth participation and empowerment, using the arts as a methodology for action;
- (2) increase the impact of educational activities related to the complexity of child labour through the implementation of SCREAM and by enhancing ILO/IPEC and WOSM partnership in the field;
- (3) leverage local, regional and global networks for mutual programme benefit and for endorsement of peer-to-peer education;
- (4) give visibility to joint activities;
- (5) jointly support national efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by the year 2015, in particular universal access to basic education for all, including human rights education;
- (6) strengthen partnerships on cooperation from international level down to the grassroots level within the framework of the World Programme on Human Rights Education proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 2004.

### ***General Area of Cooperation***

The Parties agree to collaborate within the respective framework of their respective mandates in projects related to child labour and other pertinent current social and global issues. The partners recognize the fundamental importance to create the necessary conditions to empower children and youth to become responsible citizens. They encourage peer-to-peer initiatives and promote child and youth participation in current and future decision-making processes. Joint initiatives will include youth and children, also child labourers, in developing and industrialized countries to foster global awareness on the complexity of child labour in a globalized economy.

### ***ILO/IPEC will, in particular,***

1. invite WOSM and their members to actively participate, locally, regionally and globally, together with other partners of the 12 to 12 Partnership in ILO/IPEC activities leading to each WDACL;

2. support the mainstreaming of child labour and the SCREAM methodology in the Scout educational programme by providing guidance, materials, and, where possible, training on child labour and SCREAM;
3. include on the ILO/IPEC website, amongst all activities taken within the 12 to 12 Partnership, those with WOSM or any of its members and include the same information in other pertinent publications;
4. invite WOSM and their members, in particular in relevant countries, to promote use of the SCREAM Special Module on HIV, AIDS and child labour;
5. supply, in addition to the unlimited access to the Education Pack on the ILO/IPEC website, WOSM with a limited number of it in English, French, Spanish and Italian as well as electronic copies of all the 19 language versions<sup>1</sup> the pack is available in. This will be agreed in the annual planning meeting;
6. provide an updated list of ILO/IPEC National Programme Managers (NPMs), Chief Technical Advisers (CTAs) and Child Labour Specialists to facilitate contacts and joint action in the field;
7. invite selected Scout leaders to participate in training activities conducted by ILO/IPEC in collaboration with other partners of the 12 to 12 Partnership including International Schools Theatre Association, Accademia Suzuki, CARE USA, Taking It Global, the Glocal Forum, the Province of Pisa, Miss Dorothy.Com, PeaceWaves and other partners with whom we are in the process of developing a Memorandum of Understanding;
8. share information about Mayors & Ministers of Youth and Social Affairs involved in the Global Awareness Campaign with WOSM;
9. link local Scout groups with ILO/IPEC field offices to support Scout outreach activities;
10. identify, to the extent possible, local schools to enable twinning between local Scout groups and those schools in activities implementing the Arts as an educational methodology;
11. recognise that, where appropriate, Scouting is globally advocating and supporting Children's Rights and is working in strategic partnership with ILO/IPEC for the progressive elimination of Child Labour;
12. in planning the joint activities at the country level ILO/IPEC will inform and involve the Scouts in all initiatives related to the implementation of the World Programme on Human Rights Education Plan of Action.

**WOSM will, in particular,**

1. encourage Scouting at all levels to reach out to young people and children in especially difficult circumstances;
2. encourage its members to actively participate in ILO/IPEC activities leading to each WDAFL at all levels (locally, regionally and globally);
3. include information on joint activities on its website and when appropriate in its publications;

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<sup>1</sup> The SCREAM Pack is available in English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic (Egypt), Arabic (Morocco), Nepalese, Khmer, Russian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian, Romanian, Albanian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Chinese, Turkish and Indonesian

4. invite ILO/IPEC representatives, where appropriate, to participate in Scout events (such as regional and world seminars, conferences and “global development village” in Scout Jamborees and Scout Moots) on issues related to child labour;
5. support the use of ILO/IPEC materials in Scouting events at national and international level and promote the involvement of young people, particularly adolescents and young adults, in working for social justice and sustainable development;
6. encourage National Scout Organizations to include children's and human rights education within their Youth Programme and to use the didactical tool produced by ILO/IPEC: “Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media” (SCREAM) Education Pack and Special Module on HIV, AIDS and Child Labour as a programme/activity resource;
7. support the “12 to 12” Partnership initiatives and encourage National Scout Organizations (NSO) to use the “12 to 12” Portal to share information, news, photos, resources and success stories on their action against Child Labour;
8. support the dissemination of ILO/IPEC information and material through their communication channels and web-site;
9. facilitate contact between ILO/IPEC offices and NSOs.

### **Implementation**

- (1) The implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be carried out through:
  - (a) the appointment of coordinators from each Party to implement this Memorandum who will hold the overall responsibility for it;
  - (b) the development of arrangements relating to specific activities through an annual planning meeting to be held at the beginning of each year for the core activities and for future common projects;
- (2) The involvement of ILO/IPEC officials in the WOSM education activities will be accomplished through the establishment of direct contacts between WOSM and the national ILO/IPEC or ILO Branch offices. ILO/IPEC will facilitate those contacts through its coordinator.

### **Miscellaneous**

- (1) Neither Party shall use the other Party's names, including abbreviations, or emblems, logos or other visual identifiers without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- (2) Nothing in the present Memorandum of Understanding, or in any document related thereto, shall be construed as constituting a waiver of the privileges and immunities of ILO/IPEC, nor as conferring any privileges or immunities of ILO/IPEC on WOSM.
- (3) It is hereby agreed that the participation of WOSM, and of its National Scout Organizations, in the initiatives taken within the framework of the present Memorandum of Understanding is intended on the basis of voluntary acceptance of the single national associations and members therein and according to the agreements decided individually for each initiative at the annual planning meeting.

### **Entry into Force and Duration**

- (1) This memorandum shall enter into force upon signature of both Parties. It shall have an initial duration of three (3) years, after which it may be renewed by mutual written consent of the Parties. It may be terminated by either Party at any time upon **three (3) months prior** written notice.
- (2) In the event of termination, the obligations already assumed by the Parties shall remain in force to the extent necessary to permit the satisfactory conclusion of the ongoing activities mentioned in the preceding paragraphs of this Memorandum of Understanding and the orderly conclusion of all pending commitments.

In witness whereof, the Parties hereto execute this Memorandum of Understanding.

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the Elimination of Child Labour:**

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Date: 11 February 2009

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