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## 8th Euro Arab Meeting 6-10 May 2009, Kristianstad, Sweden Declaration

We the participants of the 8th Euro Arab Meeting held in Kristianstad-Sweden, from 6th to 10 May 2009, would like:

- To express our sincere thanks to the Swedish Guide and Scout Council for hosting an excellent event as well as the Lady Mayor and the people of the Municipality of Kristianstad for their warm hospitality.
- To thank ISESCO and particularly Ms Samia Djacta and the Youth in Action Programme of the European Commission for their participation, contribution and financial support in organising the meeting.
- To thank the WAGGGS representatives - Ms Essia Ben Fathallah, Chairman of the Arab Committee, WAGGGS and Finna Sigurdardottir, Member of the Europe Committee, WAGGGS for their constructive participation.

Following the spiritual, religious, cultural and peace presentations, workshops and discussions held at the meeting, with particular emphasis on Youth Exchanges and Fundraising, as well as the recommendations of the previous Euro-Arab Meetings, we would like to further recommend:

### 1. To the Regional Committees:

- to strengthen further the Euro-Arab Dialogue promoting the participation in common Regional events and, where possible, developing common policies taking into consideration the respective culture and values
- to promote the exchange of trainers between NSOs
- to encourage NSOs to enhance Youth Exchanges between the two Regions
- to promote partnerships between NSOs for organising Euro-Arab youth events and to assist NSOs in accessing available supporting funds.

### 2. To the National Scout Organisations:

- to promote youth participation in bi-regional events and future Euro-Arab meetings
- to motivate and actively support Leaders through training in organising youth exchange projects
- to introduce international cooperation projects to the relevant foreign embassies in order to facilitate visa procedures
- to facilitate contacts between interested groups for matching project interests, especially in the area of Youth Exchange, creating the necessary databases
- to encourage their members to participate in the next European Scout Academy and other Regional events
- to encourage their members to participate in the next World Scout Jamboree.

### 3. To the Participants:

- to be active promoters of Euro-Arab cooperation in their own NSOs
- to spread and share the outcomes of this meeting in their NSOs
- to promote a wider participation of their NSO in the next Euro-Arab meeting.

The participants of the 8<sup>th</sup> Euro-Arab Meeting unanimously agreed that the 9th Euro-Arab Meeting will be hosted in Algeria at a date to be agreed by the two Regions.

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