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To : International Commissioners

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**POLICY ON PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES
PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Colleagues,

Reference is here made to the document "Policy concerning payment of registration fees", (and more particularly its annexes 1, 2 and 3), circulated with this circular for your information and easy reference.

We are pleased to inform you that, on 30 September 2009 (last day of our fiscal year 2009-2010), only **two (2)** National Scout Organizations had unpaid fees for more than one year.

However, on 1st October 2010, (first day of our new fiscal year 2010-2011), **55 (fifty-five)** NSOs had unpaid fees for year 2009-2010, for a total amount of CHF 445,546.

At the time of writing this circular, only **52 (fifty-two)** NSOs still showed registrations fees arrears, for an amount of CHF 435,791.

Consequently and in application of the policy mentioned above, **the following NSOs have automatically been suspended with partial application of the sanctions :**

Algeria, Bolivia, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, Comoros Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Grenada, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Palestine, Peru, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, St. Lucia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Uruguay.

The immediate practical **consequences** of this situation for the NSOs concerned are :

- The **loss of voting rights** at World and / or Regional events organised under the auspices of WOSM; and in particular at the forthcoming 39th World Scout Conference in Brazil in January 20110
- The **loss of right** for individuals of the concerned Organizations **to join committees or stand for election** in any organs of WOSM

until their registration fees arrears are fully cleared.

Should your Organization be concerned, we can only strongly encourage you to take any necessary measure to **settle your arrears before the opening of the Conference**, so as to allow your Organization to participate to this major event for our Movement.

The situation of arrears will be reviewed again by the World Scout Committee at its next meeting in Spring 2011. If, by then, the suspended NSOs have not cleared their situation, their suspension with partial application of the sanctions will be automatically transferred into provisional suspension of membership with **full application of the sanctions**.

Bearing in mind that certain suspended Member Organizations may have been victim of circumstances beyond their control, which makes it impossible for them to pay their fees, the World Scout Committee has requested the Secretary General and the World Scout Bureau to examine means and ways to assist these Member Organizations in paying their arrears, provided these Organizations ask them to do so and are ready to share the necessary efforts to find a solution to their situation.

For example, the World Scout Bureau makes itself available to contact any national authority or individual that may be in a potential position to support the NSOs concerned. Such action has proven to be successful on several occasions in the past years.

In this spirit, I am asking any Member Organization wishing to help one or several of the suspended Member Organizations to recover their full rights (through any possible scheme: direct payment of fees, twinning of a particular Organization, etc..) to contact us or the Member Organization concerned.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Yours in Scouting,

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Secretary General
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Enclosure : Policy concerning payment of registration fees