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WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM GUIDELINES

The following guidelines for the organisation of World Scout Youth Forums have been revised and updated by the 10th World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee and the Adolescents & Young Adults Task Team, for the approval of the World Scout Committee.

The World Scout Committee has approved these Guidelines in February 2008.

1. INTRODUCTION

The 33rd World Scout Conference in 1993 adopted a Policy on Involvement of young members In Decision-Making¹. This policy states, as a basic principle, that "Scouting is a Movement of young people, supported by adults; it is not a Movement for young people managed by adults only. Thus, Scouting offers the potential for a learning community of young people and adults, working together in partnership of enthusiasm and experience."

The World Scout Committee emphasises that the involvement of young people, male and female, in decision-making is an integral and essential part of the Scout Method, defined as a system of progressive self-education. Through the small group system, young people are encouraged to participate, according to their stage of development, in decision-making relating to the choice and organization of activities, the evaluation of group life, the determination of common rules and the evaluation of personal progression.²

2. WHAT IS A WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM?

The World Scout Youth Forum is an educational tool to support the process of developing youth participation in partnership with adults for young members in the oldest age sections. The World Scout Youth Forum is an event that empowers and inspires young people through a participatory approach, helping them to develop skills in decision-making which can be used within Scouting and in society.

The Forum is a place for information, training and concrete experience of discussing and acquiring a deeper understanding of various issues. It is also a source of inspiration by providing the contact with new people, fresh ideas, innovative thoughts, different experiences and working methods.

A World Scout Youth Forum, therefore, provides a dual opportunity for young members:

- to discuss and express their views on issues of interest to them, preparing inputs and reporting to the World Scout Conference, including recommendations to the World Scout Committee; and
- to develop the skills necessary to strengthen their capacity to take part in decision-making processes and to actively being involved in their own NSOs.

The World Scout Youth Forum "shall be to enable young people to:

1. share their ideas and experiences on current issues affecting young people in different parts of the world;
2. suggest ways of strengthening national youth policies and training young people for world citizenship; and
3. contribute new ideas to the Movement on how to enrich educational programmes for young people over 16".³

The World Scout Youth Forum will continue to be held immediately prior to World Scout Conferences, and as such they will allow more young members to be better prepared for World Scout Conferences. It was decided that World Scout Youth Forums should be

1 See Annexes

2 As amended and endorsed by the 36th World Scout Conference, Thessaliniki, July 2002

3 Resolution 6/02 on Youth Involvement in Decision-Making

empowered to make such recommendations they feel appropriate to the World Scout Committee for that Committee's consideration.⁴

3. PROGRAMME OF THE WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM

The World Scout Committee is ultimately responsible for the agenda and procedures of the World Scout Youth Forum and a Host Committee is responsible for the facilities and support services. However these committees delegates to young members the planning, organising and running of such events.¹

a. Theme

The Youth Forum Planning Committee chooses a theme for the World Scout Youth Forum, according to the topics on the agenda.

b. Agenda

The agenda of the World Scout Youth Forum should be determined by young people and the participants themselves.

The Forum should allow participants to discuss issues relating to Scouting which are of interest to them. This should include any topics to be discussed at the upcoming World Scout Conference, which the participants feel they would like to discuss. It may also include, but should not be limited to, the issue of Youth Involvement.

The agenda should be flexible, allowing participants to organise and discuss topics which they suggest during the event. Participants should also be encouraged to nominate topics of interest to them when they register, in order to allow preparation of materials which may aid their discussions.

c. Working methods

Working methods are (not exclusively) methods that are currently practiced in international Scout decision-making bodies. At the World Scout Youth Forum, participants are invited to discuss and share topics of interest to them using democratic methods and rules which would be useful for their participation in international Scout and /or youth events in general. The different experiences and cultures of the participants will allow them, with the help of the methods proposed during the Forum, to have useful exchanges and to enrich their personal abilities.

It is important to use creative, diverse and appropriate methods that will ensure the successful realisation of the objectives of the World Scout Youth Forum but will also serve as example to be replicated in participants' NSOs.

Through this, participants will develop their motivation and their skills to participate in decision-making at local, national and international levels.

i. Educational dimension

The Planning Committee of the World Scout Youth Forum must make sure that there is sufficient information, instruction and explanation included in the World Scout Youth Forum programme to allow participants who may be less well prepared than others to still take a full and active role in the Forum. There is an important balance to be drawn, between a training and educational opportunity for all those who have limited experience of such events, and offering a suitable programme for those Forum delegates who may have extensive experience in participation as a youth representative at national and international level.

The World Scout Youth Forum must offer an environment where all the young people present can engage in an active, useful development of ideas, can provide input to WOSM on programme development, strengthening National Youth Policies, and training young people for World Citizenship.

⁴ Idem

¹ Resolution 10/93

As the World Scout Youth Forum also serves (temporarily or otherwise) as a training ground for World Scout Conference participation, then some of the methods used at the Forum should reflect those of the Conference. Participants should learn about recommendation development and voting procedures through using such techniques. This, however, is only feasible while the Forum has the power to make recommendations that will have some effect. Participants have expressed disappointment at 'empty exercises' of using decision-making methodology whilst not having any real power to effect change.

ii. Keynote inputs

Guest speakers with experience in the Forum's topics could be invited to attend the World Scout Youth Forum, provide an input and engage with the participants. Whenever possible, the sessions should be made interactive and participatory. The inputs shall be organized in various ways and to be innovative.

iii. Peer leadership

Youth Forum participants should be encouraged to actively run sessions themselves. Those with experience at similar events and with expertise in particular areas of interest could be invited to lead sessions, and to nominate subjects themselves. The sessions should mainly be organized by young people, this should not eliminate the possibility to ask other than young people to lead sessions where their expertise can be of value. These may be identified before the event, and requested to bring materials with them, or be previously prepared, or they may be identified and approached at the event.

If keynote speakers address the plenary, it may then be possible to follow speeches with participant-led discussion groups, thereby developing further the participants' understanding of the topic.

iv. ScOutPost

In order to allow participants to the World Scout Youth Forum to stay in contact before, during and after the World Scout Youth Forum, an internet discussions web forum was established, with the name of ScOutPost. (www.scoutpost.org)

This web forum includes facilities for "chat" and mailing boards. Technical support and maintenance of the web forum, including registration of members, are the responsibility of the World Scout Bureau.

Participation in ScOutPost is through registration. All participants at the World Scout Youth Forum and the Regional Scout Youth Forums (or equivalent) shall be invited to become members. At each Youth Forum (World or Regional), past members of ScOutPost coming from that event shall be thanked for their contributions and their membership terminated. Participants at the current Youth Forum shall then be offered the opportunity to register.

Youth Advisors shall be responsible for discussion animation and coordination. Youth Advisors may delegate sessions to other volunteers who wish to run discussions.

4. PARTICIPANTS

a. Delegates and observers

There are two kinds of participants at World Scout Youth Forums: delegates and observers.

At the time of registration each delegate and observer will be required to produce an official letter of appointment clearly indicating the function of either delegate or observer, signed by the President, International Commissioner or other responsible official of his or her National Scout Organization, unless his or her name is listed on the appointment of delegates form deposited with the World Scout Bureau in advance.

Each National Scout Organization is encouraged to send two delegates and a maximum of three observers to the Forum. NSOs are strongly encourage to send at least one delegate to a World Scout Youth Forum. Only individuals who are members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement can be delegates to the World Scout Youth Forum.

Each delegation may cast two votes, irrespective of the number of delegates representing a National Scout Organization at the Forum.

b. Profile

World Scout Youth Forum participants should have:

- experience in, or knowledge of, decision making at the institutional level within their National Scout Organization and/or at Regional level;
- experience in, or knowledge of, current issues under consideration at world level in the World Organization of the Scout Movement;
- experience in, or knowledge of, conference participation, techniques of recommendation development, and
- experience in, or knowledge of, representation of young people.

c. Selection

National Scout Organizations are responsible for ensuring the selection of appropriate participants at World Scout Youth Forums, in accordance with the profile set out above.

Gender, social, ethnic and geographical background should be taken into consideration when the participants are selected. Organizations with both female and male members should try to ensure gender-balance in the selection process.

Participants must be selected in advance of the event. The selection process should take into consideration the participants' capacity to contribute to the World Scout Youth Forum topics. Participants should be appointed or elected by their peers according to democratic principles, and they should represent the young members of their association. To achieve a truly democratic process, it is of importance to involve young members in the process.

d. Preparation

National Scout Organizations are responsible for providing support to World Scout Youth Forum participants in their preparation for the event. Participants should be selected, or provided with training, in accordance with the criteria listed.

Adequate information about the topics to be discussed by a World Scout Youth Forum should be given to National Scout Organizations early enough to allow them to pass it on to their participants to prepare for the Forum.

The World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee should provide support through ScOutPost.

e. After the World Scout Youth Forum

As a means of encouraging greater participation in the official decision-making processes of the Movement by young adults – in particular those who have had the opportunity to develop their personal skills through taking part in a World Scout Youth Forum – it is recommended that Forum participants be included in their National Scout Organization's delegation to the World Scout Conference which immediately follows the Forum.

Forum participants attending the Conference should be invited to brief the other members of the delegation on the results of the World Scout Youth Forum. National Scout Organizations should ensure that, on their return home, Forum participants are enabled to share their experience within the Organization and report on the Forum to responsible bodies.

Participants are encouraged to maintain informal contact with each other after the World Scout Youth Forum, as well as with their respective Regional Youth Forum participants, to share their experience of the Forum.

f. Other participants

The World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee may also invite visitors to attend some plenary sessions of the World Scout Youth Forum. Visitors may be invited by the Planning Committee to speak but they have no right to vote. The age limits do not apply to visitors.

g. Age range

World Scout Youth Forum participants must be between their 18th and 26th birthday in the year of the Forum, in accordance with World Scout Conference Resolution 10/93.

5. ORGANIZATION

a. World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee

i. Composition

The World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee shall comprise:

- The six Youth Advisors elected by the delegates to the World Scout Youth Forum at the previous event;
- one representative of the Host National Scout Organization;
- one member of the World Scout Committee (preferably a member of the Educational Methods Committee); and
- executives from the World Scout Bureau giving specific support to the Forum.

ii. Functions

The World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee has the following functions:

- to identify topics of interest to young people which may be considered by the Forum;
- to take into consideration input from the World Scout Committee on any particular topics the Committee may wish the Forum to consider;
- to ensure, within the programme of the Forum, opportunities for the development of skills of participants in the processes of decision-making;
- to recommend to the World Scout Committee for approval, the main content of the programme and agenda of the World Scout Youth Forum;
- to prepare information for National Scout Organizations on the main topics to be discussed by the Forum in advance of the event;
- to develop the detailed programme and agenda of the Forum;
- to choose the working methods of the Forum, favouring opportunities for skill development, discussions and group work by participants;
- to inform participants about their role both within the Forum itself and within their Association following the Forum.

The World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee may involve, when required, Youth Advisors appointed or elected at Regional level (or equivalent) to assist the World Scout Youth Forum in achieving its objectives. This includes taking part in workshops (either as facilitators or contributors) and providing inputs to World Scout Youth Forum.

iii. Chairperson

The six Youth Advisors elected at that World Scout Youth Forum shall, on their first meeting, elect from among themselves the Chairperson of the next World Scout Youth Forum.

b. General

i. Role of World Scout Committee

The World Scout Committee is responsible for:

- approving the venue and other practical arrangements proposed by the host National Scout Organization;
- approving the participant fee for the World Scout Youth Forum;
- informing the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee of any specific topics it would like the World Scout Youth Forum to consider, in time for this to be taken into account by the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee in its work;
- approving the main content of the programme and draft agenda of the World Scout Youth Forum, as recommended by the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee; and
- to follow up the recommendations of the World Scout Youth Forum.

ii. Role of World Scout Bureau (including Regional Offices)

The World Scout Bureau must devote the necessary resources, similar to those accorded to World Scout Conferences, to ensure the success of the World Scout Youth Forum. This includes:

- providing adequate information to National Scout Organizations about all aspects of the World Scout Youth Forum early enough to allow them to plan and prepare for their participation;
- providing executive support to the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee;
- providing secretarial and translation support during the Forum and in the days immediately following the event, when the report to the World Scout Committee is being prepared;
- supporting the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee to prepare and run the Forum;
- providing web development and ongoing support to the on-line World Scout Internet Discussion Forum, ScOutPost.

iii. Role of host National Scout Organization

In principle, the National Scout Organization hosting a World Scout Youth Forum fulfils the same responsibilities for the Forum as for a World Scout Conference; since the two events are run in conjunction many common procedures may be combined. The responsibilities of the host National Scout Organization include, among other things:

- proposing to the World Scout Committee a suitable venue and practical arrangements for the event;
- the appointment of a Host Committee and provision of support to its operation;
- arranging for government support, including the assurance of entry for Forum participants from all member countries.

iv. Financial matters

In principle, the same policies and procedures concerning financial matters that apply to World Scout Conferences apply to World Scout Youth Forums. This includes the self-financing nature of all World Events and the responsibility of the host National Scout Organization to cover any eventual financial deficit.

Since World Scout Youth Forums are run in conjunction with World Scout Conferences, budget and financial control for the two events may be combined, provided that separate financial statements for each event can be produced at the end.

The host National Scout Organization must establish, jointly with the World Scout Bureau, the global World Scout Youth Forum budget reflecting all income and expenditures associated with the event. In this regard, budgeted expenditure must

include costs to be incurred by the Host Committee, the Planning Committee and the World Bureau in all phases of planning and conducting the Forum.

The host National Scout Organization must propose to the World Scout Committee, for its approval, the fee for the World Scout Youth Forum on the basis of the provisional global budget; moreover, the host National Scout Organization, which assumes the final financial result at the closing of the accounts for the event, must raise the necessary funds to provide that part of the budgeted income which is not covered by the participants' fees. The World Scout Bureau will offer whatever assistance it can in identifying sources of funding, including special projects.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the fee for the World Scout Youth Forum should be kept as low as possible to encourage participation by young people from as many countries as possible. In addition, the host National Scout Organization is encouraged to consider what possibilities may exist, through the fee structure or other means of demonstrating solidarity, to facilitate the participation of young people from less wealthy countries.

v. Official languages

The official languages of the World Scout Youth Forum are English and French.

c. Host Committee

The Host Committee is appointed by the host National Scout Organization. The Host Committee is responsible, *inter alia*, for:

- managing the venue (meeting rooms, offices and equipment);
- arranging for participants' reception, transportation and accommodation;
- arranging for the opening and closing ceremonies and social programme;
- providing the necessary staff to support the Forum.

The function of the representative of the host National Scout Organization within the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee is to act as point of contact between the Planning Committee and the Host Committee.

6. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with Conference Resolution 6/02, "World Scout Youth Forums be empowered to make such recommendations they feel appropriate to the World Scout Committee for that Committee's consideration", these Guidelines have been updated to include procedures for making recommendations to the World Scout Committee.

It is important that the Youth Forum be included in the wider structures developed for the involvement of young people within the Movement. As such, the outcomes of the Youth Forum should have ongoing consequences. The event cannot be allowed to become an insular entity, where discussions take place which have no effect in any other arena.

It is requested that in every case where a recommendation is made to the World Scout Committee, a report of all considerations and actions taken about that recommendation are reported back to the Youth Advisors, to ScOutPost, and that the World Committee's decisions be formally presented at the following Youth Forum.

a. Nature of Recommendations

Recommendations from the Forum are addressed to the World Scout Committee.

Recommendations should reflect the desire of the Youth Forum participants to communicate the conclusions of the discussions of the subjects on the agenda to the World Scout Committee, in a form of a request that action be taken upon them.

b. Recommendations Committee

i. Composition

The Recommendations Committee comprises:

- three Forum delegates proposed by the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee on the basis of their competence to carry out their function; among them, the members should be competent in both official languages of WOSM;
- one member of the WSYF Planning Committee;
- one facilitator from the World Scout Bureau;
- this should be endorsed by the WSYF delegates at the beginning of the Forum.

ii. Functions

The Recommendations Committee has the following tasks:

- to inform participants on the function and form of recommendations to be forwarded to the World Scout Committee;
- to receive draft recommendations from Forum delegates; draft recommendations must be proposed by one delegate and seconded by another delegate from a different National Scout Organization;
- to arrange for redrafting, when necessary, and translation;
- to distribute copies of the proposed recommendations, in writing and in both official languages of WOSM, to Forum participants sufficiently in advance of the final session of the Forum to permit participants to study them;
- to present the proposed recommendations in writing in both official languages to the final session of the Forum for consideration and voting.

c. Presentation of Recommendations

The World Scout Youth Forum Recommendations are presented in conjunction with the World Scout Youth Forum Report to the World Scout Conference.

d. Following progress in implementation of the Recommendations

The World Scout Youth Forum Recommendations are presented to the World Scout Committee at their regular meetings.

The Youth Advisors elected by the World Scout Youth Forum should follow up the World Scout Youth Forum Recommendations during the triennium.

A member of the World Scout Committee should be appointed to follow up on the World Scout Youth Forum Recommendations.

7. YOUTH ADVISORS

Increasing youth participation in decision-making and strengthening youth involvement within the Scout Movement is a key issue for the World Scout Committee. The system of Youth Advisors has been created in the spirit of strengthening youth participation in World Scouting, and is considered as an interim measure in achieving that goal. The Youth Advisors have the responsibility to individually work for the World Organization of the Scout Movement as a whole - not only the young members of the organization.

Nevertheless the Youth Advisors elected at the World Scout Youth Forum should bear in mind that they have a responsibility towards their constituency. Youth Advisors and the World Scout Youth Forum are not the final solutions to meet Strategic Priority No. 1 on Youth Involvement but are considered as a transitional tool in order to increase youth participation in World Scouting.

a. General

i. Youth Advisors elected by the World Scout Youth Forum

Six Youth Advisors shall be elected at the World Scout Youth Forum, for a term of three years. The outgoing Youth Advisors shall be responsible for the conduct of the election of the new Youth Advisors.

These six Youth Advisors also comprise the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee.

ii. Nomination and election process

Six months in advance of the next World Scout Youth Forum, the World Scout Bureau shall notify all Member Organizations that six Youth Advisors shall be elected, and shall request Member Organizations to send in names of candidates six weeks in advance of the Forum.

The nomination of a candidate shall be made or endorsed by his/her own National Scout Organization. This list of all nominees shall be sent out to all Member Organizations in advance of the Forum and no additions thereto may be subsequently accepted.

Candidates standing as Youth Advisors must be delegates to the World Scout Youth Forum where the election will take place.

The World Scout Youth Forum delegates will elect six Youth Advisors for a period of three years. The World Scout Youth Forum shall elect them by secret ballot, from a list of nominees submitted by National Scout Organizations. In no case shall more than one elected Youth Advisor from any one National Scout Organization serve as Youth Advisor.

The consent of the nominee must be obtained before his or her name is submitted.

Youth Advisors do not represent any particular Member Organization or Region. Furthermore, as one of the WOSM fundamental purposes is to "promote unity" of the Scout Movement throughout the world (WOSM Constitution Article IV,2), all National Scout Organizations are invited to keep in mind, in making nominations, the desirability of geographical balance of the Youth Advisors and gender equality.

National Scout Organizations who have nominated a candidate for the role of Youth Advisor should ensure that this person is also a member of their National Delegation to the World Scout Conference.¹

A Youth Advisor is not eligible for re-election.

iii. Vacancies

Normally, six Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee are elected in the World Scout Youth Forum.

However, if a vacancy occurs before the next Youth Forum, the Youth Advisors may appoint a successor to serve until the next Youth Forum, who:

- a) is the next person on the list of the election results from the candidates for the position of Youth Advisor (i.e. person number seven (7) in the election results)
- b) if the person who comes seventh (7th) in the election is not available, the Youth Advisors may, at their discretion, choose a suitable person to take up the position, taking into account the election results, geographical distribution of Youth Advisors and gender balance.

¹ In accordance with the Strategy for Scouting adopted by the 36th World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki, and in particular the priorities on youth involvement in the decision-making process, and in accordance with World Conference Resolution 6/02.

iv. Support for Youth Advisors

The World Scout Bureau will support the Youth Advisors. The World Scout Bureau is responsible for support, liaison and co-ordination of all matters pertaining to the Youth Advisors.

Travel and accommodation expenses are covered for meetings of the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee, attendance at World Scout Committee meetings when requested by the World Scout Committee, and for the Planning Committee to attend the World Scout Youth Forum.

If necessary, the Youth Advisors may elect from among themselves a coordinator who will represent the Youth Advisors.

8. RULES OF PROCEDURE

a. Approval by each World Scout Youth Forum

- i. These draft Rules of Procedure must be submitted for approval by delegates to each World Scout Youth Forum at its opening session
- ii. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure may be proposed and adopted, provided that they do not contradict the text of the World Scout Youth Forums Guidelines approved by the World Scout Committee.
- iii. Proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure must be forwarded in writing to the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee in advance of the session at which they will be submitted for approval. The Planning Committee may establish a deadline for the receipt of proposed amendments.

b. Chairperson

- i. As specified in the Guidelines, the Chairperson of the World Scout Youth Forum is elected from and by the six Youth Advisors who were elected by the participants at the previous World Scout Youth Forum.
- ii. The Chairperson's ruling is final.

c. World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee

- i. The composition and function of the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee are specified in the World Scout Youth Forum Guidelines.
- ii. The members of the World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee will assist the Chairperson of the Forum in running the sessions.

d. Voting

- i. As specified in the Guidelines, each delegation may cast two votes irrespective of the number of delegates representing a National Scout Organization at the Forum.
- ii. Decisions made by vote must be approved by a majority of votes cast; abstentions are not considered.
- iii. Voting may be by voting cards if there is no visibly clear majority. The Chairperson may call for a vote by roll-call of delegations or by secret ballot.

e. Elections

- i. Election of the six Youth Advisors for the period of three years up to next World Scout Youth Forum, will be by secret ballot. The six Youth Advisors will be elected by simple majority of votes cast.
- ii. Only delegates to the World Scout Youth Forum have the right to vote. Each delegate (two maximum per National Scout Organization) has one vote.
- iii. In case the election of the Chairperson-designate takes place at the World Scout Youth Forum itself, the new Youth Advisors elected will vote by secret ballot for one among them who will declare at the election meeting that they are candidates to the position concerned. The election will be by simple majority of votes cast.

f. Recommendations

- i. The composition and function of the Recommendations Committee are specified in the World Scout Youth Forum Guidelines.
- ii. Draft recommendations must be proposed by one delegate and seconded by another delegate from a different National Scout Organization.
- iii. The Recommendations Committee may fix a closing time for receipt of such draft recommendations.
- iv. Proposed recommendations must be available in writing, in the official languages of the Forum, sufficiently in advance of the final session of the Forum to permit participants to study them.
- v. The Recommendations Committee shall present the proposed recommendations to the final session of the Forum for approval. The Chairperson or a member of the Youth Forum Committee shall read each recommendation in turn, invite discussion and put any proposed amendments and the final recommendation to a vote.
- vi. Delegates may propose amendments to a recommendation. If these are submitted in advance, they should be handed in writing to the Youth Forum Recommendations Committee. If they are presented during the voting session, they should be handed in writing to the Chairperson.
- vii. When an amendment to a recommendation is proposed by a delegate and duly seconded, the amendment is first put to the Forum for a vote before the original recommendation. If the amendment is lost, the recommendation is then put for a vote. If the amendment is carried, then the recommendation is amended accordingly before it is put to the Forum.
- viii. The Chairperson may limit the number of times and length of time delegates or observers may take the floor.

g. Official languages

- i. As specified in the Guidelines, the official languages of the World Scout Youth Forum are English and French.
- ii. Other languages may be used to address the Forum provided a competent interpretation into English or French is possible from within the resources of the Forum.

9. ANNEXES

Annex I: CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUMS

1. CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS 1993: BANGKOK

2/93 Policy on involvement of young members in decision-making

The Conference

- . recognizing the fundamental importance, in terms of achieving the purpose of the Scout Movement, of involving young members in decision-making
 - . considering that Scouting is not only a movement for young people but also a Movement of young people
 - . believing that Scouting is a Movement based on democratic principles
 - . recognizing the value to the individuals concerned and to the Movement as a whole of leadership opportunities for young members
 - . noting with pleasure the successes achieved by the 4th World Youth Forum in Australia (1990/91) and the 5th World Youth Forum in Switzerland (1992)
 - . welcoming the World Committee's decision to encourage participation of young delegates in the 33rd World Scout Conference by offering a reduced Conference fee
 - . encouraged by the results of youth participation in the efforts of the World Scout Environment Network
- adopts the *Policy on Involvement of Young Members in Decision-Making*
 - recognizes this new policy as an important contribution towards further strengthening the implementation of the World Programme Policy adopted by the 32nd World Scout Conference in 1990
 - strongly urges National Scout Organizations to implement the policy at all levels within their own associations
 - requests the World Committee to consider all means by which the policy may be implemented within the World Organization at regional and world level.

7/93 Young Adult Members

The Conference

- . considering the adoption of the *Policy on Involvement of Young Members in Decision-Making* by this Conference
 - . recognizing the valuable contributions made by young adults to this Conference and the World Programme Committee
 - . welcoming the reduced fee facility that has assisted young adults participation in this Conference
- requests the World Committee to continue the principle of a reduced Conference fee for young adults at future World Conferences
 - requests the World Committee to continue to devise ways in which young adults can participate in policy formation and decision-making at world level.

10/93 Youth Forums

The Conference

- . considering the adoption of the Policy on Involvement of Young Members in Decision-Making by this Conference
- . believing that Youth Forums constitute one useful method to complement genuine participation by young people in decision-making at all levels
- . recognizing that Youth Forums in Scouting provide a dual opportunity for young members to discuss issues of interest to them and to make recommendations on these; and to learn the skills necessary to enable them to take part in decision-making in the Movement

- believing that Youth Forums should be linked closely, as advisory bodies, to the formal decision-making processes of the Movement
- recommends that Youth Forums be held in conjunction with all statutory meetings such as national general assemblies, regional and world conferences; that these Youth Forums make recommendations to and advise the statutory meetings and other decision-making bodies; and that Youth Forum delegates also participate in these statutory meetings as delegates or observers
- recommends that delegates to Youth Forums should be selected by democratic means and receive necessary logistical and material support from their association
- resolves that future World Youth Forums should be held immediately prior to each future World Scout Conference and that delegates to these events should be between the ages of 18 and 26
- directs the World Committee to establish as soon as possible the necessary procedures and guidelines for future World Youth Forums
- recommends that World Youth Forums should be organized on the same basis as World Scout Conferences, with the World Committee ultimately responsible for agenda and procedures of the World Youth Forum and with a Host Committee responsible for facilities and support events
- encourages the World Committee and the Host Committee to delegate to young members the planning, organizing and running of such events
- directs the World Committee to devote the necessary human, financial and material resources, similar to those accorded to other world events such as World Conferences, to ensure the success of future World Youth Forums
- requests the five Regional Scout committees to organize Regional Youth Forums prior to each future Regional Scout Conference, beginning with Regional Conferences in 1995, along the same lines as World Youth Forums
- encourages national Scout associations to organize Youth Forums along similar lines in conjunction with statutory meetings (for example, general assemblies) at national and local level.

2. CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS 1996: OSLO

4/96 World Youth Forum

The Conference

- welcomes the contributions by the 6th World Youth Forum, in particular the Forum's reflections on the themes "Scouting for what?" and "Scouting for whom?" and the Forum's recommendations
- invites the World Scout committee and its education committees to take into account the outcome of the Youth Forum in their future work
- recommends that each National Scout Association's leadership meets with their delegates to the 6th World Youth Forum to discuss the outcome of the Forum and its implications for the future work of the association
- recommends that National Scout Associations support their delegates to the 6th World Youth Forum in making the outcome of the Youth Forum known in their own association and in maintaining contact with participants from other associations
- encourages close contact and co-operation between delegates to Regional Youth Forums and the World Youth Forum
- reaffirms the importance of WOSM's policy on the involvement of young members in decision-making and recommends to all National Scout Organizations to send at least one delegate to future Regional and World Scout Youth Forums and to include at least one participant who is under the age of 26 in the organisations delegation to Regional Scout Conferences and the World Scout Conference.

3. CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS 1999: DURBAN

10/99 7th World Scout Youth Forum

The Conference

- appreciating and admiring the work done by the young people at the 7th World Scout Youth Forum
- stating its firm belief in the importance of paying great attention to the opinions of the young people in our Movement
- urges the World Scout Committee in its further work to consider the recommendations made by the 7th World Scout Youth Forum.

11/99 Future Role of World Scout Youth Forums

The Conference

- welcoming the steps that have been taken to move towards the position adopted in Conference Resolution 2/93, but accepting that there are still steps to take
- believing that the World Scout Youth Forum is a transitional tool in the process of developing youth participation in partnership with adults within National Scout Organizations and national delegations to the World Scout Conference
- believing that the World Scout Youth Forum should respond to the challenges faced by young adults in engaging actively in decision-making within National Scout Organizations
- hoping that, in due course, the need for the World Scout Youth Forum will disappear due to the full and active participation of young adults in partnership at the World Scout Conference and at all levels of decision making
- recommends that the World Scout Committee carry out a major review, involving young adults and adults in partnership, of the role and format of the World Scout Youth Forum
- recommends that the results of this study be presented to the next World Scout Conference and taken into consideration in the planning of the next World Scout Youth Forum.

12/99 World Scout Youth Forum

The Conference

- thanking the Organizing Committee and the World Scout Committee for organizing the 7th World Scout Youth Forum
- appreciating and respecting the way that young people work and the need for youth involvement in the World Scout Conference
- recommends to the World Scout Committee to continue working to incorporate young people in the World Scout Conference through the preparation done at the World Scout Youth Forum.

13/99 Youth Participation

The Conference

- noting that the World Scout Youth Forum seeks the relationship between adult members and youth to be one of partnership and mutual respect
- recognising the work that has been done at the Youth Participation session of the 7th World Scout Youth Forum
- recognising that in most National Scout Organizations substantial progress has been made
- believing that there are still steps to take before World Scout Conference Resolution 2/93 (adopting the Policy on involvement of young members in decision-making) is achieved, recommends to the World Scout Committee:

- that, at the next World Scout Conference in 2002, a day is spent in workgroups that critically discussing Youth Participation
- that suggested topics for this discussion focus on, among others:
- a discussion between youth and adult members as to how each interacts in the decision-making process within their organizations today
- evaluation of Resolution 2/93 after 9 years of progress
- that work be done before the next World Scout Conference to stimulate critical discussion within National Scout Organizations on the above.

4. CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS 2002: THESSALONIKI

6/02 Youth Involvement in Decision-Making

The Conference

- endorses the World Scout Committee's statement on Youth Involvement in Decision-Making contained in Conference Document No.7, as amended.
- urges each national Scout association to ensure an equitable representation of young men and women under the age of thirty in national decision-making bodies and in the delegations to Regional and World Conferences, and invites each national association to present its efforts and progress made relating to this issue in its annual report to the World Scout Bureau.
- urges the World Scout Committee to give priority to young men and women over older persons in the nomination of members of technical committees and working groups at world level provided they offer the adequate competencies, and requests the Regions to apply the same principle.
- calls upon each national Scout association to act upon the commitments to strengthen youth participation made since 1993, by presenting young male and female candidates with the required profile and competence for election to the World Scout Committee.
- urges the Regional Scout Conferences to strongly advocate this course of action.
- decides that World Scout Youth Forums be considered as educational opportunities for youth members in the oldest age sections. Their purpose shall be to enable young people to:
 - share their ideas and experiences on current issues affecting young people in different parts of the world;
 - suggest ways of strengthening national youth policies and training young people for world citizenship; and
 - contribute new ideas to the Movement on how to enrich educational programmes for young people over 16.
- decides that World Scout Youth Forums should continue to be held immediately prior to World Scout Conferences, and allow more young members to be better prepared for the World Scout Conferences.
- decides that World Scout Youth Forums be empowered to make such recommendations they feel appropriate to the World Scout Committee for that Committee's consideration.
- urges NSOs to introduce and adopt policies that will allow the involvement of young people in local and national decision-making bodies and develop partnerships between adults and young people.
- decides that the World Scout Committee performs an evaluation of the situation of youth involvement in decision-making, after each World Scout Conference.

5. CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS 2005: TUNISIA

11/05 World Scout Youth Forum

The Conference

- referring to Resolution 6/02 on youth participation in decision-making adopted by the 36th World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki in 2002
 - noting with satisfaction the progress achieved in the implementation of Strategic Priority 1 on Youth Involvement, notably through the publication of new educational tools in the field of youth programme, the success of the World Scout Youth Forum including the election of Youth Advisers to the World Scout Committee, and the creation of positions of young Project Officers in the World Scout Bureau
 - pointing out that the Youth Advisers and the World Scout Youth Forum are not the final solutions to meet Strategic Priority No. 1 on Youth Involvement but are considered as a transitional tool in order to increase youth participation in World Scouting
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- requests the World Scout Committee to give serious consideration to the recommendations proposed by the Youth Forum and particularly to the recommendation no. 16 related to the involvement of Youth Advisers in the meetings and work of the World Scout Committee
 - calls on the World Scout Committee, Regional Scout Committees and all National Scout Organizations to expand their efforts consistent with Resolution 6/02 to improve youth involvement and empowerment at all levels, from the local Scout groups to the institutional level in the Movement, and in society itself
 - requests National Scout Organizations, Regional Scout Committees and the World Scout Committee, during the next triennium, to adopt the following objectives in developing a youth involvement strategy:
 - integrate in the educational programmes for adolescents and young adults (15-25 years) the dissemination of life skills aimed at developing the capacity of young people to fully participate in the life of the Scout Movement and in society
 - support the Youth of the World Campaign and integrate the Scouts of the World Award in the programme of the senior age sections
 - include in the training of adults the acquiring of skills to enable them to encourage and foster youth involvement in the decision-making process
 - ensure greater consistency between all levels of our Movement in the field of youth participation, particularly through adapting, at national and regional levels, the youth involvement practical concept implemented at world level
 - consider Youth Forums at all levels as a step to train the future leaders of international Scouting
 - make the best use of the potential of the young people exposed to the above mentioned training experience, notably by including young people in national delegations to Regional and World Conferences and the selection of candidates for election to decision-making bodies; and by entrusting Youth Advisers, and other young volunteers selected in a transparent manner, with significant responsibilities both at Regional and World levels.

Annex II: POLICY STATEMENT OF THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE

(as amended and endorsed by the 36th World Scout Conference, Thessaloniki, July 2002)

- 1) The World Scout Committee emphasises that the involvement of young people, male and female, in decision-making is an integral and essential part of the Scout Method, defined as a system of progressive self-education. Through the small group system, young people are encouraged to participate, according to their stage of development, in decision-making relating to the choice and organization of activities, the evaluation of group life, the determination of common rules and the evaluation of personal progression.
- 2) When applied correctly, the Scout Method ensures that young people are prepared effectively and have acquired the necessary skills and competence for participation in the democratic decision-making process and citizenship, within Scouting at all levels and in society.
- 3) However, the World Scout Committee notes with regret that the Scout Method is often not fully used. Systematic work therefore needs to be done to assist associations to implement this fundamental aspect of our Movement. It is only when the "educational dimension" of youth participation is achieved effectively that the "institutional dimension" can become a reality. In other words, it is only by helping young people develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to contribute to the decision-making process, that young people can fully participate in decision-making bodies.
- 4) The World Scout Committee has agreed to pay considerable attention to this issue. This will include supporting associations in implementing the principles enshrined in the policy on the involvement of young members in decision-making, adopted by the 33rd World Scout Conference (Bangkok, 1993), and subsequent resolutions building on this work, and developing tools for that purpose.
- 5) The World Scout Committee believes that participation in decision-making bodies at all institutional levels of the Movement must continue to be based upon competence, not age, gender or other criteria. Consequently, and as a matter of principle, young men or women under 30 should be given priority over older persons only if they offer the adequate competencies.
- 6) As far as the participation of young men and women in WOSM bodies at world or regional level is concerned, the World Scout Committee believes that this will largely be solved when the participation of young people in national bodies is achieved; it will be a natural consequence of effective local and national participation. This, however, can only be accomplished in the long term, since youth involvement is not adequately applied within national associations. The Committee feels that something needs to be done at world level in the immediate future in order to get the process started and convey a strong message to the Movement, which defines itself as being a movement of young people and not only for young people.
- 7) The World Scout Committee considers that the World Scout Youth Forum allows young members all over the world to express their opinions, to have a wider exposure and global perspective, to make intercultural exchanges and to establish interpersonal networks. The Forum is a good way for young members to take their first step in their international vision of Scouting.
- 8) The World Scout Committee, having carefully evaluated recent World Scout Youth Forums, believes that they have been a very helpful transitional tool to increase the participation of young people at World Scout Conferences. The Committee feels, however, that maintaining forums as designed in 1993 risks perpetuating a parallel structure which goes against the very essence of the principle of partnership between youth and adults at the World Scout Conference and of youth involvement at all levels of decision-making.