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INTRODUCTION

Conference Resolution 8/02 requested that a document reporting on the implementation of resolutions taken by a World Scout Conference be circulated prior to the next Conference. This document responds to that request with respect to the resolutions of the 37th World Scout Conference in Yasmine Hammamet, Tunisia, in 2005. (Note: Only action taken by the world and regional bodies of WOSM is reported; for purely practical reasons, no attempt has been made to report on actions taken at national level.)

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AND ACTION TAKEN

1/05 Registration of Member Organizations

The Conference

- *records with pleasure the admission of the following members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement*
 - Effective 28 June 2004*
 - *The Russian Association of Scouts/Navigators (RAS/N)*
 - Effective 12 October 2004*
 - *Scouts of Namibia*
 - Effective 5 September 2005*
 - *Beslidhja Skaut Albania*
 - *The National Scout Association of Guinea*
 - *The Scout Association of Malawi*

These NSOs now enjoy the same rights and privileges as all Member Organizations of WOSM. WSB Regional Offices continue to provide direct support.

2/05 Ukraine

The Conference

- *welcomes the results of the mission to Ukraine in June 2005 and the agreement reached on that occasion between representatives of SPOK and PLAST*
- *notes that SPOK is unable to withdraw formally its application for WOSM membership until its national congress scheduled for May 2006*
- *expects that, in accordance with the agreement reached, a decision will have been made by May 2006 by SPOK and PLAST on the model to be adopted to create a unified national Scout organization in Ukraine*
- *looks forward to receiving a new application for WOSM membership from the unified national Scout organization, at the latest by early 2008 as agreed, so as to be able to welcome the new Member Organization at the next World Scout Conference*
- *asks the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau to provide as much support as possible to the implementation of the agreement and to follow carefully its progress.*

The Eurasia Regional Office provided support for the development of a new NSO in Ukraine through visits, seminars and workshops, and participation in regional events.

The Constitutions Committee provided close follow-up to the implementation of the resolution, engaging in regular communications with the key actors involved.

A recommendation for the admission of Ukraine as a Member Organization of WOSM is currently being considered by NSOs (see WSB Circular 11/2008). If this application is approved, the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU) will become a Member of WOSM on 1 July 2008.

3/05 Recognition Process for new Member Organizations

The Conference

- *urges the World Scout Committee to design and implement a more transparent process for the handling of applications for WOSM membership from potential Member Organizations, keeping all National Scout Organizations informed throughout the process, and specifying the various steps to be followed to fulfil the requirements of Articles V and VI of the WOSM Constitution*
- *urges the World Scout Committee, when considering the transfer of membership of a National Scout Organization to another entity, to submit the proposal to a postal vote of Member Organizations, and to encourage the new Member Organization to integrate into its membership the groups which had been part of the previously recognised National Scout Organization and to establish relationships with other WOSM Member Organizations.*

A new "operations checklist" has been developed for use by WSB Offices in supporting emerging NSOs in the process of becoming Member Organizations of WOSM. The tool, which is intended to provide objective, measurable criteria to assess the viability of an NSO, was developed with regional input and has been used in regional meetings and seminars; it was also tested in a number of NSOs including Kazakhstan which became a Member Organization in January 2008. It will shortly be made available to all NSOs for use as a self-assessment tool.

The Constitutions Committee, which examines the constitutions of all potential Member Organizations before the WSC recommends their admission to WOSM, strives to be as open and constructive as possible with the NSOs it is dealing with, in an effort to assist in the process of ensuring the NSO has a proper and effective constitutional framework within which to operate and grow. The Constitutions Committee has noted the trend towards smaller sovereign states and the implications on criteria for WOSM membership.

4/05 Registration Fee System

The Conference

- *adopts the registration fee system described in Annex 9 of Conference Document No. 10 as the WOSM Fee System from fiscal year 2005-2006 starting 1 October 2005,*
- *decides that the following shall apply for fiscal years 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008:*
 - *basic fee per member: CHF 1.147*
 - *category A: GNI per capita up to US\$ 765,*
 - *category B: GNI per capita from US\$ 766 to US\$ 3,035,*
 - *category C: GNI per capita from US\$ 3,036 to US\$ 9,385,*
 - *category D: GNI per capita from US\$ 9,386 to US\$ 45,740,*
 - *minimum annual fee payable: CHF 300,*
 - *annual flat fee for Member Organizations in a country with a GNI per capita of less than US\$ 350: CHF 300,*
 - *annual flat fee for an Accredited National Scout Organization: CHF 200*
- *requests the World Scout Committee to include the review of the WOSM Registration Fee System in the list of topics to be dealt with by the Governance Review Task Force.*

The registration fee system, as described above, was applied during the triennium.

The WSC established a separate Registration Fee Task Force to examine the registration fee system. The subject was also discussed at some regional meetings and with NSOs. See Conference Document No. 10 for proposals arising from that review.

5/05 Elections to the World Scout Committee

The Conference

- *considering the experience of implementing Resolution 9/02 at this Conference*
- *recommends that elections to the World Scout Committee take place not before the third day of the Conference in order to give delegations enough time to have discussion with candidates during informal meetings.*

This resolution is being applied at the 38th World Scout Conference where WSC elections will take place on Wednesday, the third day of the Conference. Time is being made available on the agenda to meet the candidates prior to the elections.

See Conference Document No. 9.

6/05 Regional Scout Conferences

The Conference

- *acknowledging, as outlined in Conference Document No. 7 on the Governance of WOSM, that holding Regional Scout Conferences in the year following a World Scout Conference would strengthen the integral strategic direction of the Movement by facilitating the development of regional plans within global priorities*
- *decides that all Regional Conferences in the triennium following the World Scout Conference in 2008 shall take place within 18 months*
- *asks the WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee to consider how this resolution may be implemented in a co-operative manner.*

Regional Conferences should now take place no later than January 2010 to meet the requirements of this resolution.

The European Region, which hold its Conference jointly with the Europe Region WAGGGS, requested the WSC to grant an extension to this requirement for their next Conference which is scheduled to take place in July 2010. This was granted, on the understanding the exception applied only to that Conference.

The Interamerican Regional Conference may also be held later than the deadline, in late March or early April 2010. There is some uncertainty about the date of the next Eurasia Scout Conference also to be held in 2010. Neither the Eurasia Region nor the Inter-american Region has asked for any extension to be granted.

7/05 Governance Review

The Conference

- *mindful of the importance of the strategic priority on "An Organization for the 21st Century" and the need for WOSM and National Scout Organizations to be more flexible, lean, innovative and participatory*
- *noting Conference Document No. 7 on the Governance of WOSM*
- *welcomes the proposal to conduct a comprehensive review of the governance of WOSM during the coming triennium*
- *commends Conference Document No. 7 together with the report of the Evaluation Group as working documents, and the issues identified therein as a framework, for the conduct of that review*
- *requests the World Scout Committee to establish, with appropriate Terms of Reference, a 'Governance review task force' to conduct, in full transparency, the review and give intermediate reports to the World Scout Committee and National Scout Organizations*
- *recommends that the Governance review task force comprise members appointed in a personal capacity, some with knowledge and experience of WOSM and others with a fresh external perspective or experience*
- *requests that the Governance review task force will consult National Scout Organizations, WAGGGS and, according to need, be empowered to set up sub-groups and/or draw on specialist expertise*

- *requests the World Scout Committee to bring to the next World Scout Conference any proposed amendments to the WOSM Constitution arising from the report of the Governance review task force*
- *encourages the World Scout Committee and the Secretary General to move ahead with timely implementation of actions that are consistent with the spirit and vision of the review and which fall within their respective competencies and do not require constitutional amendments or other decisions of the World Scout Conference.*

The Governance Review Task Force (GRTF) was established and carried out its work according to its Terms of Reference which were based on this resolution. The GRTF presented its report to the WSC in December 2007; this report was circulated to all NSOs.

The subject of Governance appears on the agenda of the 38th World Scout Conference in a variety of forms and the Conference will consider related proposals. See Conference Documents Nos. 6, 17 and 17A.

8/05 The Strategy for Scouting

The Conference

- *valuing the work undertaken to provide National Scout Organizations with information on the Strategy for Scouting and make it available on CD-ROM and strategy webpages on the WOSM web-site*
- *valuing the work undertaken by the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau Central and Regional Offices to provide tools to support National Scout Organizations in the development and implementation of their strategies*
- *commending the Regional Conferences for adapting and aligning their strategies and Regional plans with the Strategy for Scouting*
- *applauding the progress made and achievements in National Scout Organizations since the adoption of the Strategy for Scouting at the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki*
- *recognising the need to develop a medium-term plan for the Strategy over the next six years*
- *recognising the unique opportunity that the Centenary celebrations offer to help National Scout Organizations move forward in their strategies and strategic planning*
- *urges National Scout Organizations to use the Centenary celebrations as a tool to develop and implement their strategies*
- *encourages National Scout Organizations to consider how their strategies support the growth of the Movement and increase their impact in society*
- *urges National Scout Organizations to strengthen their communications, linked to a common corporate identity, to improve the image of Scouting so that Scouting is seen as a modern, dynamic Movement, which has a real impact in the community, as it begins its second century*
- *adopts the process, outlined in Conference Document 6B: The Strategy for Scouting – Setting Targets and Measuring Impact, to measure progress in the Strategy for Scouting through setting targets and measuring the impact in society*
- *requests the World Scout Committee to report to the 38th World Scout Conference on the achievement of the targets in National Scout Organizations and Scouting's impact in society.*

The WSC's Triennial Report includes considerable substantial information on achievements under the Strategy for Scouting. This includes action at both world and regional levels.

Conferences and other meetings at regional level involving NSOs have focussed on the strategy. Regular reports from the Regional Offices to the WSB Central Office have been based on regional plans that were more or less focussed on the strategic priorities; new regional plans are now being more closely aligned in content and format to the world strategy.

The agenda of the 38th World Scout Conference includes a number of sessions, including reports and workshops, related to the Strategy. The workshops will demonstrate good practice in monitoring and evaluating progress in the Strategy.

See also Conference Document No. 5.

9/05 Communication Strategy

The Conference

- *approves the World Scout Committee's proposal concerning the Communication Strategy as laid out in Conference Document No. 13*
- *recognizes the need to harmonize the Scout Movement's image at world level through a brand platform that corresponds to the criteria presented in Document No. 13 and in the report on Scouting's Profile*
- *calls upon National Scout Organizations to make a particular effort in terms of image in view of the Movement's Centenary celebrations*
- *with full respect for the diversity of national circumstances, invites National Scout Organizations to actively seek harmonization in order to provide a more homogeneous perception of the mission, work and image of the Scout Movement through global media, and others in public and private arenas who could support the Movement's work*
- *invites the World Scout Bureau to assist National Scout Organizations in this process of creating greater harmony and homogeneity through the creation of appropriate training and communication tools*
- *requests the World Scout Committee to find the necessary resources to implement the action plan proposed in Document No. 13 and its Annexes 1 and 2.*

The Communication Strategy has been resourced and implemented throughout the triennium. The Triennial Report records achievements in this area, including the production of materials and organisation of communications forums to support NSOs.

At regional level, the brand has been implemented, communications forums have been held, handbooks and other resources have been produced, and the emphasis on communications and media has been high notably in the Africa Region. Appropriate elements have been introduced into regional plans.

See also Conference Document No. 11 on Scouting's Profile.

10/05 Educational Methods Structures

The Conference

- *recognising that it is not possible to develop the youth programme without looking at the consequences for the management of adult resources (e.g. recruiting, supporting, training and monitoring adult leaders) and also that it is not possible to manage adult resources independently of the youth programme*
- *noting that there is still a tendency in the Movement among leaders in charge of youth programme and leaders in charge of adult resources to operate independently*
- *recommends, at world level, complementing the workstreams on strategic priorities by creating a sub-committee on educational methods, which will bring to the World Scout Committee more human resources; this sub-committee should comprise youth advisers and experts in the fields of non-formal education, management and adult learning; its functions would be to advise the World Scout Committee and provide guidance on research and development in the fields of youth programme, and adult resources, and it would validate the educational materials produced by the WSB as well as the educational programme of World Scout events*
- *recommends that similar structures are created at regional level in coordination with the sub-committee established at world level*
- *urges National Scout Organizations to review or design a structure that allows an integrated approach to youth programme and adult resources, for example by creating a committee or a body that oversees and coordinates the work of the youth programme and adult resources departments.*

An Educational Methods Committee (EMC) was established by the WSC. The EMC comprises leaders in NSOs with skills and expertise in non-formal education, adult learning and the management of volunteers and a Youth Advisor to the WSC. The EMC replaced the previous strategy workstreams on Youth Involvement and Volunteers in Scouting with task teams on adolescents and young adults and adult volunteers. Three additional task teams were created to support the work on education for all, spiritual development and environment education.

The remit of the EMC has been extended to include a member of the planning team for the next World Scout Jamboree so that there are stronger links between the work of the EMC and this event.

See also Conference Document No. 8.

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*
- *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.*

The WSC asked its Youth Advisors to provide a report on how the WSC could implement the 9th World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) recommendations. These were all given follow up by WSC members and Youth Advisors. See Document No. 4 of the 10th WSYF, "Report on the follow-up of the Recommendations from previous 9th World Scout Youth Forum".

At least one Youth Advisor, usually more, has attended each regular WSC meeting during the triennium and all have been actively involved in the work of sub-committees and task teams. More information can be found in WSYF Document No. 3, "Report from the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee". The Youth Advisors have planned the programme for the 10th WSYF and will be responsible for delivering the programme and Scoutpost, a web forum. Training specific to their role was provided to the Youth Advisors in September 2006 and three of them supported the World Scout Centre at the World Scout Jamboree.

At regional level, various initiatives have been taken to increase the representation of young adults in regional committees and sub-committees. Regional Youth Forums or youth networks are organised in several regions. Regions also designate a Youth Advisor to be a member of the group of Youth Advisors to the WSC.

The members of the External Relations Group comprises 20 young people who represent WOSM to the various UN bodies and meetings around the world.

The Scouts of the World Award was introduced and its development is now being supported in over 30 NSOs in five regions. New materials have been produced to support the Award and they are on the website.

The Guidelines for the World Scout Youth Forum were revised to clarify the purpose of the WSYF and the role of Youth Advisors to the WSC. A new election system for the Youth Advisors is being implemented.

12/05 World Scout Conferences - Active Methods

The Conference

- *recommends to the World Scout Committee to seek and implement ways of working at the World Scout Conference that are more active, by decreasing the number and length of plenary sessions and focusing these sessions on debates and decisions; and making increased use of workshops and small groups which allow better sharing and working between participants*
- *recommends that the work on the mission and the strategy of the Movement be allotted a greater share of time at the Conference, by drastically reducing the number of reports and communications presented.*

A determined effort has been made by the small working group set up by the WSC to plan the programme and agenda of the 38th World Scout Conference to respond to this resolution in the design of event.

Workshops have been proposed on a range of subjects under the headings of Youth Programme and Scouting's Profile (on Sunday), on Governance in World Scouting (on Tuesday) and on the Strategy for Scouting (on Wednesday). In addition, time has been set aside on Thursday on the theme "Sharing and Learning", when NSOs will lead workshops on a variety of topics that are interesting and relevant to other NSOs.

13/05 World Scout Bureau Structures

The Conference

- *encourages the Secretary General to seek opportunities to reflect more adequately, in the structures and staffing of all positions in the World Scout Bureau, the cultural, religious, language, gender and geographical diversity of World Scouting while ensuring that the most qualified people are appointed.*

While progressively empowering younger executives and making steps forward in terms of gender and geo-cultural balance, professional competence has not been sacrificed in staffing the WSB. The aim has been to increase the overall competencies of the WSB while ensuring that staff skills correspond to the professional level and responsibilities required by the post according to the standard classification adopted throughout all WSB Offices. While this has not yet been completely achieved, progress has been made through hiring new staff and increasing the capacities of existing staff.

Executive staff in the WSB Central Office hold passports from the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Guatemala, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America. There are 6 female executives and 16 male executives (including some on short-term internship contracts).

14/05 Supervision of World Events

The Conference

- *requests the World Scout Committee to review the current guidelines governing the relationships between the World Scout Bureau and the host organizations of World Scout Events, including areas such as costs incurred by the World Scout Bureau, the sharing of profits and losses from World Events, cost to participants and participating staff.*

During this triennium the Guidelines and Basic Requirements for the organisation of a World Scout Youth Event (Jamborees and Moots) have been reviewed and approved by the WSC in March 2008. These place an emphasis on improving budgetary issues and clarifying the responsibilities and involvement of all the stakeholders: the Host Organization, the World Scout Conference, the WSC and WSB, and NSOs participating in the event.

15/05 Cost of World Events

The Conference

- *urges the World Scout Committee to further develop the guidelines for World Events in the field of participation fees with the intention of reducing and controlling costs by*
 - *controlling programme cost by emphasising basic Scouting skills and methods by encouraging troops to deliver programme and activities for themselves and for other groups instead of focusing on consumption-oriented programme*
 - *limiting the cost for promotion, marketing and overhead costs of World Events*
 - *asking bidders to provide a project with estimated fees at the time of decision for the host country.*

As noted above, the Guidelines and Basic Requirements for the organisation of a World Scout Youth Event have been reviewed placing emphasis on improved budgetary issues and ensuring greater transparency. The procedures to select Host Organizations were also reviewed emphasising that marketing expenses must be rational and kept to the minimum necessary, inviting bidders to mobilise external resources to reduce the event costs and lower fees for the participants. World Events candidates have been asked to provide an estimated registration fee along with their invitation (see Conference Document No. 13).

16/05 Fees for World and Regional Events

The Conference

- *considering that one of the objectives of the Scout Movement is to promote the culture of peace*
- *considering that World or Regional Events are privileged areas for the implementation of our educational method and that they contribute to the promotion of the culture of peace and the inter-cultural understanding between young people*
- *considering that these World and Regional Events should give the opportunity to a maximum number of young people to live these lifetime experiences*
- *considering that the increasing participation fees to these events impair youth participation*
- *considering that these events should be open to all without financial constraints*
- *recommends that the World Scout Committee, the World Scout Bureau and its Regional Offices coordinate their action plans in terms of youth events in order to avoid repetition and accumulation of events which demand a high investment for the National Scout Organizations (Eurojam 2005, Roverway 2006, World Scout Jamboree 2007)*

- *recommends that the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau call upon world institutions to obtain financial support for these events allowing for a reduction of the participation fees.*

WSB Central and Regional Offices have worked to improve the scheduling of regional and world events. World Scout Moots have been re-scheduled 2 years before and after a World Scout Jamboree.

The recommendations contained in the resolution are also taken into account for events held at regional level. Participation in some regional events, notably in the Arab and Interamerican Regions, was facilitated by support provided by regional or national authorities and agencies.

17/05 Fee System for World Events

The Conference

- *having considered the existing situation whereby participants to World Scout Events pay their participation fees on the basis of the classification of categories used for the determination of registration fees*
- *having considered the differences in per capita income of countries classified as being in the same category which may vary by up to 4.5 times*
- *having considered the need to urge the young members of middle and lower class families to participate in world self-financed events*
- *recommends that a new more equitable system in classifying the participation fees to World Scout Events, in relation to the registration fee system, is developed by the World Scout Committee and presented to the next World Scout Conference*
- *asks the World Scout Committee to call upon the government of the host country of World Scout Events to provide easy access to visas for African countries.*

Fees for World Events proposed by Host Organizations are based on fee categories as used in the WOSM registration fee system. This strives to make the fees payable by participants in World Events as equitable as possible on the basis of objective criteria. To the extent that a new registration fee system to be proposed to the 38th World Scout Conference may result in even greater equity, this may be reflected in fees for future World Events.

In accordance with Resolution 10/85, each candidate NSO for World Events is required to obtain a letter of guaranty from their government stating that Scouts and leaders from all WOSM Member Organizations will be granted access to their country.

The fee system for World Youth Events is adapted for some regional events.

18/05 Scouting and the Environment

The Conference

- *reaffirming the role of the environment in the Scout Method, Scout Law and educational principles of the Scout Movement*
- *noting the current environmental challenges facing every region of the world and the roles that young people can play in mitigating and adapting to these*
- *further taking note of the Millennium Development Goals*
- *welcoming the Memorandum of Understanding between WOSM and UNEP*
- *recommends that National Scout Organizations develop renewed efforts in order to improve their environment education programmes in all age ranges; these efforts should consider furthering the development of the Scouts of the World programme, the revitalization of the SCENES (Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment) programme and the review and implementation of the Scout World Conservation Badge*
- *recommends that the World Scout Committee sets up a special task group, which will be tasked with developing new resources and training materials to help National Scout Organizations improve environment education within their youth programme, this task group to be supported by the Education, Research and Development Department of the World Scout Bureau.*

An Environment Education Task Team (EETT) was established within the EMC consisting of environmental educators from a diverse range of NSOs. The EETT has been supported by a Unit Manager, Environment Education within the ERD department of the WSB.

The EETT and WSB have developed the World Scout Environment Programme. See Conference Document No. 15 for more details.

Examples of NSOs' environment programmes and accomplishments have been promoted through an Environment section of the WOSM website and opportunities for Scouts have been promoted through various Scout communication channels. Scouting and the Environment has also been a focus at Regional Conferences.

19/05 World Scout Centres and WOSM Accredited International Scout Centres

The Conference

- *having received the paper "World Scout Centres and WOSM Accredited International Scout Centres" submitted to the Conference*
- *encourages the World Scout Committee to develop a policy and procedures concerning the issues raised in the paper, and urges the World Scout Committee to form a task force composed of the relevant stakeholders*
- *encourages National Scout Organizations to send detailed comments on the paper to the World Scout Bureau to assist the task force and World Scout Committee in drawing up its policy and procedures to be presented for approval at the next World Scout Conference.*

The WSC set up a World Scout Centres Task Force to develop proposals as outlined in this resolution. Following consultation and debate, a final report of the task force was presented to the WSC in March 2008. The report concluded that, based on analysis of the level of support for any plan to accredit International Scout Centres and consideration of the potential risk liabilities involved in such a project, no further action should be taken in this regard.

The WSC decided to limit its initiative to proposing a resolution to the 38th World Scout Conference dealing with criteria to be designated as a World Scout Centre and to depart indefinitely from any further consideration of the proposals concerning other Scout Centres.

The WSC's draft resolution to the Conference in Korea has been posted on the World Scout Conference area on the WOSM website.

20/05 Sustainable Development

The Conference

- *considering the importance of sustainability and environmental awareness in the Scout Movement*
- *taking into account that responsible consumption is a principle of sustainability included in the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations that WOSM promotes within its members.*
- *aware of the importance of promoting and encouraging within the members of the Scout Movement a sustainable consumption that promotes the reduction of waste and therefore avoids further damage to the environment*
- *considering the enormous amount of waste we all produce as has been seen, for example, during this Conference*
- *asks all levels of WOSM to take into account the points mentioned above in all their communications*
- *recommends to the World Scout Committee to develop a set of standards in order to help minimise the negative environmental impact of large-scale Scout events (e.g. Regional/World Jamborees, Forums and Conferences).*

The WSC has strengthened the environmental requirements within the Guidelines and Basic Requirements for the organisation of a World Scout Youth Event (Jamborees and Moots). A question on sustainable development has been introduced into the questionnaire for 'World Events: Selection Procedure for Host Organizations'.

The WSB has provided advice and support for World and Regional Scout events on the environment education programme and the operations of the event, including analysis of the carbon footprint of the event and avenues to reduce the impacts. Exhibitors at the World Scout Conference have been requested to minimise their environmental impact by reducing handouts and using environmentally friendly materials; similar efforts were made at some Regional Conferences in 2007. In the Asia-Pacific and European Regions, hard copies of documents are no longer distributed at regional events; instead a CD-Rom is provided and/or documents are made available through the website. The European Region actively advised the organisers of Eurojam on the perceived shortcomings of that event in the environmental field and there was a noticeable improvement in the 21st World Scout Jamboree which followed better environmental principles.

The EETT provided support with the running of environmental education workshops at the World Scout Jamboree and will facilitate workshops and discussions at the World Scout Conference.

SCENES (Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment) Centres are recognised as places where Scouts can undertake environmental education programmes and see best practice examples of environmental management of Scout centres. These examples encourage Scouts to ensure the most suitable environmental practices are used.

21/05 WAGGGS/WOSM Relationships

The Conference

- *affirms the work of the Consultative Committee and acknowledges the objective within the strategy that contacts with WAGGGS continue and are strengthened*
- *will receive a progress report on WAGGGS/WOSM relationships during the triennium 2005-2008 at the 38th World Scout Conference.*

The WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee has met regularly throughout the triennium. The minutes of its meetings are circulated to all Member Organizations of both Organizations. Relationships at regional level have been strengthened in several regions, including joint meetings, events and visits to some NSOs.

A progress report on WAGGGS/WOSM relationships will be presented to the Conference by representatives of the WSC and WAGGGS World Board.

22/05 Partnership Development

The Conference

- *recalling the success of the World Scout Seminar on Partnership (Marrakech+10) organised in Bangalore, India, in February 2005*
- *noting the conclusions and recommendations of the above mentioned seminar*
- *adopts the text of the Marrakech Charter, Bangalore revised edition on Partnership in Scouting, contained in the Conference Document No. 11 as a need to improve the work in the field of partnerships within Scouting*
- *requests the World Scout Committee to implement the recommendations arising from the seminar especially revitalising the Project Exchange publication that was previously produced by the World Scout Bureau through Scout Project Exchange (SCOPE) and creating a manual for the Marrakech Charter including the practical elements for partnerships to be published on paper and CD-ROM*
- *requests the World Scout Committee to further strengthen its partnerships with more actors of civil society, the world of work and the corporate sector which share our common values and consequently, mobilise the necessary resources at world and regional levels to materialise such partnerships*
- *encourages National Scout Organisations to incorporate and further develop the existing experience on partnerships at world level, in order to enhance their potential at national level*
- *requests National Scout Organisations, in collaboration with their respective Regions, to report on their progress made in the area of partnership development at the 38th World Scout Conference.*

See Conference Document No. 14 for a more detailed report.

The GRTF report highlighted the importance of developing external relationships for the legitimacy of the Movement. The WOSM website is used extensively to promote partnerships, through sharing of news and other information, using the Marrakech Charter as a framework. Inter-regional partnerships, including sharing of resources, have been pursued.

Two issues of SCOPE were published in 2006. However these generated no responses from NSOs. An appeal for projects was launched in April 2007; none was received. Numerous projects are, however, being implemented at regional and national levels, many on the basis of bilateral partnership relationships.

23/05 Partnership with the United Nations

The Conference

- *recalling Resolution 1/63 concerning WOSM's relationship with the United Nations*
- *considering the importance of a friendly and active relationship with the United Nations and other international institutions*
- *recognising that the work of the United Nations has improved the quality of life of many people, and that working for a better world is at the heart of the mission of Scouting*
- *acknowledging that the World Organization of the Scout Movement holds consultative status with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council as well as with several UN agencies*
- *considering the various Memorandums of Understanding signed between WOSM and bodies of the UN system since 2002*
- *recording with satisfaction that many National Scout Organisations are now working with the UN and its specialised agencies*
- *reaffirms its support for the goals and work of the United Nations*
- *expresses its full support for the objectives set in the UN Millennium Declaration and for the work of the UN Millennium Campaign*
- *urges all National Scout Organizations to use the cooperation with the UN and its specialised agencies to contribute to build a better society, and to increase this cooperation particularly through the Gifts for Peace and Scouts of the World programmes*
- *recommends that WOSM at all levels takes the necessary steps to maintain and strengthen its relationships with the United Nations.*

Extensive work is being undertaken at world and regional levels to strengthen links with the UN and its agencies, and similar regional bodies. See Conference Document No. 14.

24/05 Inter-Religious Dialogue and Spiritual Dimension

The Conference,

- *recognising the contribution for peace as one of the most urgent commitment of the Movement at all levels,*
- *believing that the presence in our Movement of many religions is definitely a characteristic of extraordinary importance, which must be fully exploited also for peace promotion and construction,*
- *underlining the importance of the first World Scout Interreligious Symposium held in Valencia, Spain, in 2003*
- *recommends the World Scout Committee to continue the actions for inter-religious dialogue and the development of the spiritual dimension, in cooperation with all pluralist and open National Scout Organizations/Associations and religious Scout Conferences*
- *recommends the World Scout Committee to foster and support the spreading of such actions at regional and local levels, also giving evidence to valuable experiences realised by National Scout Organizations*

- *recommends to explicitly consider the issue of inter-religious dialogue and spiritual dimension in the future events of the World Organization, especially where the issue of peace construction is relevant.*

The Spiritual Development task team was established by the EMC to pursue this area of work.

The WSB supported the meetings of the World Scout Inter-religious Forum and the Faiths & Belief Zone at the 21st World Scout Jamboree. The WSB is also currently supporting the planning of the 3rd World Scout Inter-religious Symposium to be held in Egypt in 2009. Similar endeavours are made with faith communities at regional level.

25/05 Centenary of Scouting

The Conference

- *acknowledging that the last two World Scout Conferences, meeting in South Africa in 1999 and in Greece in July 2002, adopted resolutions supporting the mobilisation of the Movement to benefit from the Centenary of Scouting*
- *recognising that Scouting's Centenary is a unique opportunity for National Scout Organizations to develop their own strategies in line with the Strategy for Scouting*
- *having approved the worldwide theme "2007: One World One Promise"*
- *noting the wide variety of tools now available to support the work of National Scout Organizations*
- *noting that the World Scout Committee formally launched the Centenary programme in 1997, and continues to work towards its development at all levels*
- *having received World Scout Conference Document No. 8, Preparing for Scouting's Centenary: 2005 to 2007*
- *urges National Scout Organizations to show solidarity in the implementation of Centenary initiatives to launch Scouting into its second century; these include the Gifts for Peace, Scouting's Sunrise, the 150th anniversary of Baden-Powell's birth, the International Colloquium, 21st World Scout Jamboree and Join-in-Centenary national programmes*
- *encourages National Scout Organizations to develop Centenary initiatives in line with their national strategic priorities within the global Strategy for Scouting*
- *strongly urges National Scout Organizations to honour their commitment to fully implementing the declared Gifts for Peace programmes and recommends that National Scout Organizations communicate the outcomes of the Gifts for Peace as widely as possible*
- *urges every Scout and former Scout to join the worldwide celebrations on 1 August 2007 (Scouting's Sunrise) to celebrate the dawn of a new century of Scouting with their communities*
- *strongly encourages National Scout Organizations to use all opportunities created by the Centenary to develop Scouting, promote its relationships with the community and increase its visibility as a modern educational youth movement serving society's needs in the 21st century.*

Reports on the Centenary of Scouting and related activities at world, regional and national levels are included in the Triennial Report and will be presented to the 38th World Scout Conference.