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To: International Commissioners

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**38<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference: Business Resolutions**

Dear Colleagues,

Attached you will find the Business Resolutions which were adopted by the 38<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference. Several of these resolutions require your attention and action.

Please note that, since the attached resolutions are a compilation of all those adopted during the World Scout Conference in Korea, the sequence and numbering is different from that used in the Resolutions Committee report to the Conference.

The official Conference Report is being compiled. One copy will be sent to each National Scout Organization in *Scoutpak* when it is published.

Yours sincerely,

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## **38th WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE**

### **BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

#### **1/08 REGISTRATION OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

The Conference

- records with pleasure the admission of the following members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement

*Effective 16 January 2008*

- the Organization of the Scout Movement of Kazakhstan

*Effective 1 July 2008*

- the National Association of Cambodian Scouts
- the Association of Scouts of Montenegro
- the Scouts of Syria
- the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine.

#### **2/08 REGISTRATION FEE SYSTEM**

The Conference

- acknowledging the work done by the Registration Fee Task Force and the World Scout Bureau and the progress achieved in developing a new fee structure using a Bezier curve as described in Conference Document No. 10
- recognizing that this new fee structure corresponds to the spirit of Resolution 4/05 adopted by the Tunisia World Scout Conference
- believing that the concept formulated in this new fee structure will be more equitable for the vast majority of National Scout Organizations
- requests the World Scout Committee to continue refining the new fee structure to ensure maximum benefit for all National Scout Organizations and to ensure completion in time to enable a vote to be taken at the World Scout Conference in Brazil in 2011
- decides to adopt, as an interim measure for the triennium 2008-2011, the alternative proposal contained in annex 4 of Conference Document No. 10, which renews the fees due during the triennium 2005-2008 adjusted for inflation by 4.3%.

#### **3/08 GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Conference

- recalling the work carried out by the Governance Review Task Force during the triennium
- noting the letter sent by the World Scout Committee to all National Scout Organizations on 11 March 2008 in response to the report
- welcomes the Governance Review Task Force's report as a valuable contribution to the continuing debate on the future governance of WOSM and expresses its appreciation to the Chairman and members of the task force for their considerable efforts to conduct the review and produce the report
- supports the World Scout Committee in its stated commitment to implement the substance of Recommendations 1 to 5 of the task force's report which do not involve constitutional change and encourages the World Scout Committee to keep stakeholders informed on its progress
- requests the World Scout Committee to establish a new Governance Review Task Force to work during the upcoming triennium in full transparency, taking into consideration the previous task force's report to the World Scout Committee of December 2007
- recommends to the World Scout Committee to distribute the new Governance Review Task Force report in advance of the next Regional Scout Conferences to allow National Scout Organizations to evaluate it and to discuss potential new proposals before the next World Scout Conference
- requests the World Scout Committee to bring, 12 months prior to the next World Scout Conference, any proposed amendment to the WOSM Constitution arising from the report of the new task force.

#### **4/08 GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

The Conference

- reaffirming the contents and the values expressed in the Constitution and the By-Laws of WOSM, with particular reference to Chapter IV, Article IX, paragraphs 1, 2, 6, 8; Article X, paragraph 4; Article XI, paragraph 2; Chapter V, Article XII, paragraph 1; Article XIII, paragraphs 1, 3, 7; Chapter VIII, Article XXII, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4; and By-Law I, sections 1 and 2
- acknowledging and taking note of the institutional crisis of WOSM over the past months
- firmly recommends to the World Scout Committee
  - that a more effective, immediate and direct management be adopted about its institutional role and its tasks as mentioned in the above articles
  - that more transparent, effective and immediate information be given to National Scout Organizations in order to allow them to take the appropriate decisions and positions, if necessary also by holding an Extraordinary World Scout Conference
  - that all steps be taken in order to preserve the Movement from external or non-democratic influences that are not set out in the Constitution
- firmly recommends to National Scout Organizations
  - to comply with the above-mentioned articles
  - to avoid any form of influence, especially of economic nature, on WOSM and on its bodies
  - to consider the World Scout Conference as the only and privileged place in order to debate and take resolutions about the problems and the governance of WOSM.

#### **5/08 SELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL**

The Conference

- taking into account the deep crisis experienced by WOSM at the moment of the celebration of its Centenary and believing that a real leadership is needed for the management of the actions of WOSM, in view of the establishment of a governance system that is solid, practical and accepted by all so as to assure the mission of the Scout Movement at the dawn of its second century of existence
- urges the World Scout Committee to engage in an adequate process for the selection of the Secretary General of WOSM to guarantee the connection between the policy direction decided by the Conference (and developed by the World Scout Committee) and the actions necessary to respond to the needs of National Scout Organizations; this selection process should be presented at the latest 12 months after the end of this Conference
- requests the World Scout Committee to make this process and its planning a real exercise in transparency putting the emphasis on the drawing up of a job description which will allow the hiring of the most appropriate person to carry out the missions that the Constitution entrusts to this position, taking into account the person's capacities, aptitudes and knowledge
- proposes to the World Scout Committee that this process should be sent to National Scout Organizations for consultation insofar as it concerns the definition of the profile, the description of the position, and its relationship with the World Scout Committee.

#### **6/08 ELECTION SYSTEMS AT WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE**

The Conference

- recognising that the present method of electing a World Scout Committee has not guaranteed a regional balance within the Committee
- reaffirming that, from a governance perspective, the World Organization needs a World Scout Committee of people with a direct mandate from the World Scout Conference composed of representatives of all National Scout Organizations
- noting the legitimate concern of many Member Organizations that it should be possible to ensure balance in the World Scout Committee without explicitly regulating this balance in the Constitution
- recognising the large possibility of different systems for election, and how these can provide the Member Organizations with possibilities to get a better overview of how the support of one or many particular candidates will affect the overall balance of the Committee elected

- requests the World Scout Committee to investigate various possible ways of conducting the elections to the World Scout Committee during the Conference, so as to give the Conference the possibility to take into consideration the need of a balanced Committee concerning geographical representation, gender, age and other relevant factors
- recommends to the World Scout Committee to pay attention to how elections are conducted in various other non-governmental organizations, as well as thinking creatively and innovatively
- requests the World Scout Committee, based upon the findings of its work, to suggest to the 39th World Scout Conference such amendments to the Constitution and/or Rules of Procedures as it finds suitable, if any
- requests that the work should be planned so that the findings, including recommendations, suggestions for changes to the Constitution, etc., are available to National Scout Organizations no later than one year before the 39th World Scout Conference.

## **7/08 RULES OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS**

The Conference

- noting that the current system of individual financing of campaigns for election to the World Scout Committee may lead to inequalities between candidates
- concerned about ethical questions which arise in the actions of campaigns but conscious that the different cultural sensitivities require nuanced responses
- asks the World Scout Committee to propose to the next World Scout Conference rules of good practice for electoral campaigns, by defining acceptable limits for promotional action, based on the values of Scouting.

## **8/08 THE STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING**

The Conference

- valuing the work undertaken to provide National Scout Organizations with tools and information to support progress in strategic planning and each of the strategic priorities
- recognising the value of the Strategy as a framework to support the growth and development of Scouting
- recognising the value of the strategic planning process in identifying medium and long term goals for Scouting
- valuing the commitment in National Scout Organizations to align activities for the Centenary with the Strategy for Scouting
- applauding the achievements made in National Scout Organizations in relation to the Centenary of Scouting and the Strategy for Scouting
- adopts 'membership development' as the strategic focus for the triennium 2008-2011
- agrees that the strap-line for the Strategy should be 'action for growth' so that the title of the Strategy would be The Strategy for Scouting – action for growth
- strongly recommends to the World Scout Committee to assess progress in the Strategy and set up a process to develop medium and long term goals for the Movement
- encourages National Scout Organizations to maintain a focus on strategic planning and set up a process to identify indicators and measure progress in their strategies.

## **9/08 REGIONAL SCOUT CONFERENCES**

The Conference

- acknowledging that holding Regional Scout Conferences following a World Scout Conference should strengthen the integral strategic direction of the Movement by facilitating the development of regional plans within global priorities
- recognising the challenges faced by Regions in fully implementing Resolution 6/05 due to the restrictive deadline that Regional Scout Conferences should take place within 18 months
- decides that all Regional Conferences in the triennium following future World Scout Conferences take place according to a timeframe agreed by Regional Scout Committees
- asks Regional Scout Committees to ensure that this resolution is implemented in a way that maintains the principle that regional plans benefit from being developed in the context of global priorities identified by the World Scout Conference.

## **10/08 TRIENNIAL PLAN & REPORT**

### The Conference

- considering that the World Scout Committee is the volunteer body that conceives guidance for the development of the strategy defined by the World Scout Conference
- considering that it is the World Scout Committee together with the Secretary General who guide and orient the World Scout Bureau in the process of implementation of the world strategy
- mindful that good management practices – such as the definition of priorities and objectives – and the construction of a realistic action plan according to available human and financial resources are essential in any management team, and transparency towards stakeholders is a sign of good leadership
- mindful that effective communication is essential in any organization
- requests the World Scout Committee to adopt an action plan (for 3 years), in accordance with the human and financial resources of the organization, where priorities, responsibilities and resources are explicit; this plan should be sent to all National Scout Organizations no later than 6 months after the World Scout Conference
- asks the World Scout Committee to prepare a brief mid-term report, stating the progress made, mentioning the obstacles found (if any), and to tackle the outlined actions that were not achieved (if the case); this should be sent to all National Scout Organizations no later than 20 months after the World Scout Conference
- decides to consider in future the World Scout Committee Triennial Report as a World Scout Conference document.

## **11/08 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

### The Conference

- noting that the WOSM Constitution states that the World Organization should facilitate the expansion and development of Scouting
- believing that membership growth is a key challenge for Scouting around the world
- recognising that the Strategy for Scouting and the seven Strategic Priorities provide a framework to support the growth and development of the Movement
- believing that each National Scout Organization has valuable experiences to share with other National Scout Organizations in similar situations
- acknowledging that varying demographics around the world will have an impact on membership and thus membership growth should be measured as market share of the available youth population
- recognising the important work done by the European Scout Region in the area of membership growth
- encourages all National Scout Organizations, especially those in areas of the world where membership is not expanding, to take action in relation to membership growth
- requests the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to give priority to supporting action for growth by National Scout Organizations
- encourages Regional Scout Committees to review their regional action plans to incorporate a focus on membership growth and identify initiatives to support this.

## **12/08 VOLUNTEERS IN SCOUTING**

### The Conference

- appreciating that a vibrant and managed approach to Volunteers in Scouting is essential to achieve the Mission of Scouting and to enable membership development and growth
- recognising that many National Scout Organizations need practical tools and active support in this area, and welcoming the recent production of the Volunteers in Scouting Toolkit
- conscious that the principles of the Adults in Scouting strategy were defined at the World Scout Conference in Paris in 1990 and the World Adult Resources Policy was adopted at the World Scout Conference in Bangkok in July 1993
- noting that the United Nations are planning to celebrate a decade of volunteering in 2011, ten years after the International Year of the Volunteer in 2001

- requests the World Scout Committee to prioritise within Strategic Priority No. 5 of the Strategy for Scouting
  - maintaining continued resourcing for this strategic priority
  - providing support for the sharing of good practice and practical tools to support National Scout Organizations in this area
  - providing, when requested, appropriate targeted support, to help National Scout Organizations attract and retain sufficient adult volunteers to deliver the Mission of Scouting
  - reviewing the impact, effectiveness and continuing relevance of the Adult Resources Policy, and developing a comprehensive plan for future work concerning adult volunteers
  - making a strong effort to maximise the positive impact of a Decade of Volunteering in 2011 on the Scout Movement at world, regional and national levels.

### **13/08 ADULT RESOURCES**

The Conference

- noting the results achieved in the matter of adult resources since the adoption of the World Adult Resources Policy in 1993
- underlining the importance of training in the management of Adult Resources and in the accomplishment of our mission
- highlighting the issues of the recognition of our training systems by external bodies and actors outside Scouting
- recommends to the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau to:
  - engage in a process of evaluation of training systems in place in the Movement
  - using the symbolism of the Woodbadge, draw up a framework for the official recognition of national training systems, which will remain optional for National Scout Organizations in accordance with the World Adult Resources Policy
  - submit the results of this work to the next World Scout Conference.

### **14/08 YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING**

The Conference

- recalling Strategic Priority No. 1: Youth Involvement
- reaffirming Recommendation 16 of the 9th World Scout Youth Forum
- noting that the contributions of both young people and adults are important in successful Scout decision-making
- considering that equal opportunities constitute an essential part of good governance
- keeping in mind that expertise is only gained through experience
- noting with regret that youth involvement in the decision-making of the World Organization of the Scout Movement is still limited
- further noting that World Scouting is at the moment provided by adults for young people as opposed to by young people and adults for young people
- recognizing that Youth Advisors are only a temporary and transitory means in the decision-making process
- welcoming Recommendation B on this question of the 10th World Scout Youth Forum
- encourages National Scout Organizations to nominate young candidates for election to positions of responsibility at all levels
- recommends to Regional Scout Committees and the World Scout Committee to strive towards the goal of at least a third of sub-committee and task force members being under 30 years old
- requests the World Scout Committee to facilitate mentoring for young people appointed to positions of responsibility at world level
- encourages Regional Scout Committees and National Scout Organizations to facilitate mentoring for young people appointed to positions of responsibility at regional and national levels respectively
- requests the World Scout Committee, in cooperation with the Youth Advisors, to develop a youth involvement Vision and Strategy; this strategy should be considered by the 39th World Scout Conference.

## **15/08 WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM**

### The Conference

- considering the centrality of youth involvement to the Scout Movement (Strategic Priority No. 1)
- considering the important role of the World Scout Youth Forum in World Scouting as an interim measure towards youth involvement and considering the constructive work which takes place at these forums
- considering Resolution 11/05 from the 37th World Scout Conference: "make the best use of the potential of the young people..."
- considering the need for participants of the World Scout Conference to be properly informed of the discussions and recommendations of the World Scout Youth Forum
- requests that, during this interim measure, sufficient time is allocated to the report of the World Scout Youth Forum and then to reactions in regard to this; this should be implemented as of the 39th World Scout Conference in Brazil
- requests the World Scout Committee, during this interim measure, to give due respect and consideration to the views, opinions and recommendations of the World Scout Youth Forum, both inside and outside the World Scout Conference.

## **16/08 GREATER DECENTRALISATION**

### The Conference

- recognizing the growing desire of National Scout Organizations to participate more actively in, and contribute to the decision-making process in WOSM
- encourages the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau to increase their consultation with Regional Scout Committees and/or Regional Offices in questions which by their nature would benefit from this
- recognizes that the strength of WOSM is its diversity and that any initiatives to strengthen the global Scout image and brand should build on this strength without having to dilute the uniqueness of the National Scout Organizations
- decides that the World Scout Bureau implements a transparent, rigorous and equitable budgeting process for all its Offices
- recommends that there should be a more equitable distribution of financial resources, with adequate safeguards and accountability, to ensure that there is a budget for all Offices which is pro-growth.

## **17/08 LOCATION OF WORLD SCOUT BUREAU**

### The Conference

- considering that it is good practise to evaluate from time to time the location of the headquarters of an international organization
- considering the following key governance issues of WOSM: legitimacy, unity of the movement, accountability and transparency, integrity and democracy
- mindful of the current financial situation of WOSM
- believing the World Scout Committee should consider and conduct a thorough study of the best location for the World Scout Bureau including options to relocate the World Scout Bureau from Geneva to a more suitable location
- requests the World Scout Committee to conduct in full transparency a full feasibility study of the best location of the World Scout Bureau within 18 months; such feasibility study shall consider all relevant factors for making a decision on the location of the World Scout Bureau, including financial, legal and reputational factors, and shall afford interested National Scout Organizations the possibility to submit suggestions and comments.

## **18/08 DIVERSIFICATION OF INCOME SOURCES**

The Conference

- mindful that the World Scout Bureau, and its Regional Offices, constitute a vital support structure for the Movement
- considering that the World Scout Bureau, its Regional Offices, and projects require a considerable amount of financial resources in order to function to their full potential
- considering that the budget of the World Scout Bureau is strongly dependent on the income produced by the fees
- mindful that this situation might constitute a vulnerability to the Movement
- requests the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau to invest more effort in increasing and diversifying the income sources; these sources should be in line with the ethical values of Scouting.

## **19/08 WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBER EXPENSES**

The Conference

- considering that it is every National Scout Organization's responsibility to promote candidates for election to the World Scout Committee
- mindful that WOSM provides economic support to World Scout Committee members for their attendance at regular World Scout Committee meetings and the World Scout Conference but does not cover any other expenses incurred while they hold office
- taking into account that not all National Scout Organizations can afford this additional need of support
- willing to reinforce the right of every National Scout Organization to have equal opportunities to promote candidates of its Organization to the World Scout Committee
- requests the World Scout Committee to carry out, during the next triennium, a feasibility study about the possibility to fund those expenses of the members of the World Scout Committee that are not currently covered by the general budget of WOSM and would help them to effectively fulfil their duty as World Scout Committee members; the incurring of these expenses should always follow the applicable control and audit policies.

## **20/08 EDUCATION FOR PEACE**

The Conference

- recognising the tremendous value that participation in social development projects contributes to the all-round education of children and young people in Scouting
- noting that the last two World Scout Conferences, meeting in Greece in July 2002 and in Tunisia in 2005, unanimously adopted resolutions supporting the Gifts for Peace
- appreciating the excellent projects developed and implemented by over 110 National Scout Organizations in the scope of the Gifts for Peace
- valuing the wide range of educational support available to support the work of National Scout Organizations
- recognising the support received from external donors to support this area of work and thanking them for their generosity
- noting the wide benefits of this work to the development of quality programmes, better profiles, increased fundraising opportunities and opportunities to work in partnership with others
- strongly encourages all National Scout Organizations to continue to promote and integrate education for peace within their national Scout programmes
- urges National Scout Organizations to continue to develop and implement their Gifts for Peace projects adapting these to the needs of the local communities and society
- recommends that National Scout Organizations work in partnership with others, following the Marrakech Charter (Bangalore revised edition), to enrich our programmes, strengthen our impact and demonstrate solidarity with others
- strongly urges National Scout Organizations to adopt and implement the Scouts of the World Award as a way of supporting education for peace and community development amongst the older age Scout sections

- encourages all National Scout Organizations to build on all of the achievements of the Centenary of Scouting in 2007 to further 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.
- encourages National Scout Organizations to continue with contributions to the Scout Universal Fund each year to promote local groups in their National Scout Organizations to support the growth of Scouting at local levels, for countries in need.

## **21/08 SCOUTS OF THE WORLD AWARD**

### The Conference

- considering the current problem of relatively small membership in Rover Scout Section globally
- noting the huge benefits of the Scouts of the World Award to Scouting and the wider community endorsing Scouting's mission of "creating a better world"
- recognizing the relatively small number of National Scout Organizations that are currently implementing the Scouts of the World Award
- considering that the Scouts of the World Award has been developed in the framework of the strategic priorities "Youth Involvement" and "Adolescents" approved by the World Scout Conference in 2002
- urges National Scout Organizations to play an active role in the implementation of the Scouts of the World Award so as to offer adolescents and young adults projects in line with today's issues
- encourages National Scout Organizations that are not yet participating in the award to implement the Scouts of the World Award
- suggests to National Scout Organizations, if they have not already done so, to appoint their own ambassadors for the Scouts of the World Award to implement and/or further their National Organization's work on the Scouts of the World Award
- encourages National Scout Organizations and the World Scout Committee to encourage Scouts of the World Award projects to be carried out by international teams.
- urges National Scout Organizations that currently feel unable to implement the Scouts of the World Award to encourage their Rover Scouts to participate in the Scouts of the World Award projects organized by other National Scout Organizations
- requests the World Scout Committee to make publicizing and resourcing of the Scouts of the World Award a priority.

## **22/08 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN SCOUTING**

### The Conference

- reaffirming the central 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 recognising the roles that young people can play in mitigating and adapting to these challenges
- recognising the actions taken by the World Scout Committee through the Educational Methods Committee and Environment Education Task Team to respond to Conference Resolutions 18/05 and 20/05
- welcoming the renewed Memorandum of Understanding between WOSM and UNEP
- further welcoming the supportive partnerships that have developed between WOSM and other organisations for environment education
- adopts the principles and aims for environment education in Scouting
- recommends that National Scout Organizations adopt the framework for environment education in Scouting and incorporate the ideas through a regular review of their youth programme and by offering the World Scout Environment Badge
- recommends the World Conservation Badge be phased out during the next triennium by National Scout Organizations which use it
- recommends that National Scout Organizations look to identify suitable Scout Centres that can become SCENES (Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment) Centres
- recommends that the World Organization of the Scout Movement continue its function of providing new resources and training materials to help National Scout Organizations improve their environment education programme, in line with the World Scout Environment Programme.

## **23/08 WORLD SCOUT CENTRES**

### The Conference

- referring to Conference Resolution 19/05 adopted by the 37th World Scout Conference
- considering the report "World Scout Centres and WOSM Recognition of International Scout Centres" circulated to all National Scout Organizations in December 2007
- taking into account the muted response to that report and the proposals contained therein
- recognising that there may be potential legal risk liability inherent in any programme to accredit International Scout Centres
- endorses the decision of the World Scout Committee not to proceed with any plans to introduce a scheme of accreditation of International Scout Centres
- approves the proposal that the World Scout Committee may grant recognition as a "World Scout Centre" to a Scout centre which responds to world level educational needs or offers services otherwise related to the promotion and development of World Scouting and one of the following applies:
  1. The Centre is a property of WOSM, its management is responsible to the World Scout Bureau and its activities are integrated in the Global and Yearly Operational Plan and budget approved by the World Scout Committee, to whom a written report is presented annually. In addition, any long-term, medium-term and short-term development plans, relating to the improvement of the infrastructure and the development of its programme, are presented to the World Scout Committee for consultation and information.
  2. The Centre belongs to a third party controlled by WOSM, which has the majority of votes in its governing body, which are exercised through the supervision and control of the World Scout Bureau. Its Yearly Plan is presented for information and advice to the World Scout Committee, to whom a written report is presented annually.
  3. The Centre is of historical and worldwide relevance to the Scout Movement because it was established by the Founder, the World Scout Committee is represented on the board of the executive body and the World Scout Bureau has a voice in the appointment of the CEO of the Centre. Its Yearly Plan is presented for information and advice to the World Scout Committee, to whom a written report is presented annually
- accepts that the relevance of World Scout Centres should extend beyond a limited Scout environment; they should gain social recognition (hence support) for the service offered, including by the local community in which they operate.

## **24/08 SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS**

### The Conference

- considering the success of the 1st World Scientific Congress "Education and the World Scout Movement; experiences and challenges"
- recommends to the World Scout Committee to continue to develop dialogue and cooperation with universities and academics, in order to plan further researches on Scouting and related applications and good practices
- recommends to spread the results of this cooperation between the World Scout Movement, universities and research centres and to distribute the proceedings of this scientific congress.

## **25/08 BIDDING FOR WORLD SCOUT EVENTS**

### The Conference

- concerned about the competition when some countries bidding for World and Regional Scout Events can spend much more resources than others in their campaigns
- acknowledging that corporate and governmental sponsorship should primarily be directed towards youth participation in the event
- welcoming Recommendation G from the 10th World Scout Youth Forum, raising concerns about the environmental impact of major World Scout Events
- believing that countries bidding for World and Regional Scout Events should take into consideration Resolution 20/05 of the 37th World Scout Conference on the environmental impact of their campaigns
- requests the World Scout Committee to develop guidelines for fair competition between National Scout Organizations bidding for World Scout Events in time for the World Scout Conference in 2011

- encourages National Scout Organizations bidding for World and Regional Scout Events to prioritise external funding to sponsoring of Scouts who could not otherwise participate
- further encourages bidders to focus on the educational content of the event
- recommends that, in future, National Scout Organizations bidding for World and Regional Events present an environmental impact plan to the World Scout Conference on the occasion of the election.

## **26/08 13th WORLD SCOUT MOOT, KENYA, 2010**

### The Conference

- noting the explanation and information contained in Conference Document No. 13
- acknowledging with regret the need for the National Scout Organization of Mozambique to withdraw from hosting the event
- endorses and supports the World Scout Committee's decision that the 13th World Scout Moot should be hosted by the Kenya Scouts Association in 2010.

## **27/08 CENTENARY DIPLOMA**

### The Conference

- taking into consideration that the Scout Movement has celebrated its first 100 years of continuous work
- believing that the success achieved is a result of the work done by the duly recognized National Scout Organizations and that these Organizations continue in promoting the Scout Movement
- resolves to give appropriate recognition to the National Scout Organizations that reach this 100 year milestone of Scouting
- decides that the recognition will be given starting at the next World Scout Conference in Brazil in 2011 and will be continued at subsequent World Scout Conferences
- proposes that the recognition will be a diploma given by the World Scout Committee to each National Scout Organization that has reached this milestone.

## **28/08 EXTERNAL RELATIONS IN SCOUTING**

### The Conference

- inspired by the Mission of Scouting to "Create a Better World"
- recalling Resolutions 1/69, 5/88, 8/88, 22/05 and 23/05
- mindful of the fact that Scouting does not exist in isolation from the wider society
- mindful of the fact that children and young people under 25 years of age constitute more than half of the world population and that they face huge challenges both in developing and developed countries
- recognising the responsibility of Scouting to respond to the needs and challenges of today's world and young people
- acknowledging the importance of the relationships of Scouting and the United Nations to the National Scout Organizations, especially in developing countries
- welcoming the recent adoption by the World Scout Committee of the policy statement "Guiding External Relations and Partnerships in WOSM"
- reaffirms that the aim of external relations is to serve WOSM members and to impact the quality of Scouting and Scout activities as well as involvement in society
- reaffirms the need to strengthen relationships of Scouting with decision-makers, the United Nations, civil society, the world of work and the corporate sector at all levels
- reaffirms the role of Scouting in promoting participation and living conditions of young people, sustainable development and human rights
- encourages the National Scout Organizations and Regions to play an active and constructive role in society
- encourages all National Scout Organizations to use the policy statement as a tool at national level
- requests the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau to support National Scout Organizations in this endeavour
- calls upon National Scout Organizations to make a particular effort in terms of developing partnerships and relations with other organizations.

## **29/08 WAGGGS/WOSM CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Conference

- according a significant value to the work done by the WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee and wishing that such a platform should be used during the next triennium
- having recognized that no specific mention has been made for the future of the strategy but supposing that the Consultative Committee will continue to discuss issues affecting both world organizations or national organization members of one or both
- wishing to show its support towards this cooperation
- requests the World Scout Committee to ensure that WOSM continues, in the frame of the Consultative Committee and when appropriate, its collaboration with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) in order to facilitate the dialogue on issues that affect or are present in both world organizations.

## **30/08 WORLD SCOUT INTERRELIGIOUS FORUM**

The Conference

- considering the success obtained by the World Scout Interreligious Symposium held in Taiwan in May 2006
- considering the World Scout Movement as a privileged context to meet and reflect on educational aspects, related to faiths and beliefs and to the development of the spiritual dimension
- considering the World Scout Committee task force engagement on spiritual dimension
- recommends to the World Scout Committee to move forward and to monitor and report to future World Scout Conferences on further meetings and related activities.