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2nd Africa Scout Summit and Europe-Africa Co-operation

Dear Friends

As you will be aware, the 2nd Africa Scout Summit took place in Nairobi, Kenya, from 16 to 20 April.

Resolution 10/2007 'Solidarity with Scouting in other Regions' from the 19th European Scout Conference requested that efforts be made to facilitate the cooperation among NSOs/NSAs 'based on mutually agreed needs and under the principles of the Marrakech Charter'.

In view of this, an informal Europe-Africa Meeting was convened during the 38th World Scout Conference in Korea. During this gathering, representatives of NSOs/NSAs from both Europe and Africa requested their respective Regions to liaise more and support, where possible, joint projects being planned or implemented by NSOs.

Following the gathering in Korea, further discussions with the Africa Scout Committee and the Africa Regional Office about possible actions took place.

At its recent meeting, the European Scout Committee agreed several actions that it would propose to present to African NSOs that would be present at the 2nd Africa Scout Summit and the purpose of this Circular is to provide you with more information on what was presented at the 2nd Africa Scout Summit as a response to Resolution 10/2007.

Five specific actions were proposed. They are as follows:

1. Europe-Africa Liaison Officer

The European Scout Committee in partnership with 5 European NSOs/NSAs, and in discussion with the Africa Scout Committee and Africa Regional Office, has agreed to a 12 month trial appointment of a Europe-Africa Liaison Officer.

This professional role will be based in Nairobi in the Regional Office. A percentage of the funding will be provided by the European Scout Region and a percentage by the 5 European NSOs/NSAs. The 5 European NSOs/NSAs that have agreed to support this initiative are:

- Scouts et Guides de France
- The Scout Association (UK)
- Corpo Nacional de Escutas (Portugal)
- Suomen Partiolaiset – Finlands Scouter (Finland)
- Verband Christlicher Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (Germany)

This Europe-Africa Liaison Officer will be a focal point for European and African NSOs/NSAs who are seeking assistance in creating new or developing existing partnerships. The tasks that the Liaison Officer will undertake include the following:

- Liaison between African and European Regions and NSOs/NSAs
- Monitoring the impact of existing projects

- Partner matching service for interested NSOs/NSAs in Africa and Europe
- Assistance in project design and fundraising
- Special attention to EC funding
Development Cooperation Instrument, Regional Programmes and relations with EC Delegations in Africa.

It is hoped that outcomes will include:

- Strengthened co-ordination of contacts between African and European NSOs/NSAs
- The creation of new partnerships between NSOs/NSAs
- Increased funding opportunities for existing co-operation processes and projects

This role will be formalised following the appointment of a new Regional Director for the Africa Scout Region.

2. Multilateral Partnership Project

The European Scout Committee has initiated a multilateral partnership project and is in the process of making a funding application.

This project will hopefully allow for the following actions to be realised:

- Multilateral trainings on partnerships
- South-North Gatherings
- Support for the North-South Network
- Promotion of Youth Exchanges

This initiative is subject to receiving funding from the Youth in Action programme, Action 3.2. If all goes well, we should know if the funding request has been successful in autumn this year. This will allow a number of actions in the frame of the project to take place from January 2010 to December 2010.

3. European Union – African Union

The Heads of State of European and African nations have prioritised 'youth' as a topic of common interest.

The European Scout Committee, through the work done by the European Policies Support Group has excellent links with the European Union. The European Scout Committee is providing encouragement to the Africa Scout Committee to formalise links with the African Union so that a platform for youth advocacy can be developed where Scouting is a key player.

4. Support for the 13th World Scout Moot

The European Scout Committee is providing support for two people from the Organising Team to attend Roverway 2009, in order to see how programme and logistics issues are dealt with. In addition, it will provide an excellent opportunity to promote the event.

The European Scout Committee and the European Regional Office will also support the promotional efforts being made by the organisers to ensure good participation from Europe and to encourage European contingents to consider supporting African participation as it is recognised that it will be challenging because of costs, to ensure good levels of African participation

5. Knowledge Sharing

The European Scout Committee has re-iterated that its programme of Seminars and Events are open to all. Representatives from the Africa Scout Region have recently participated in events including the 6th Forum on Youth Programme and Adult Resources as well as the North Scout Network.

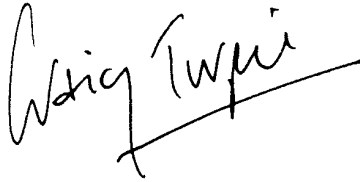
It is hoped that this practice will continue and, in addition, that European NSOs will seek to attend relevant African Seminars and Events.

I'm pleased to report that delegates of African NSOs who were attending the 2nd Africa Scout Summit were pleased with the proposals that have been put forward.

In addition to these actions addressing our Resolution 10/2007, they are also helpful in addressing Resolution 4/2007 from the Africa Scout Conference held in Kigali in 2007.

We will keep you updated on any further developments but trust that this information is helpful in highlighting what the European Scout Committee is doing on your behalf to realise Resolution 10/2007 from the 19th European Scout Conference.

Yours sincerely

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Craig Turpie
Chairman, European Scout Committee