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**1<sup>st</sup> Europe-Eurasia Meeting and Europe-Eurasia Co-operation**

Dear Friends

As you will be aware, the 1<sup>st</sup> Europe-Eurasia Meeting took place in Kiev, Ukraine, from 24 to 26 April. I'm pleased to report that representatives from all associations in Eurasia and a significant number from Europe participated, as well as representatives of both Regional Committees, Mario Diaz, Vice-Chairman of the World Scout Committee and Luc Panissod, Secretary General.

Following brief introductions of the general situation in both Regions, the meeting moved on to allow all associations who were present to share information on their current successes and challenges. It was very pleasing to note the partnerships and links that exist already and the wishes of all present to see new links created and existing links strengthened.

The meeting was conducted in a very positive spirit with everyone looking to identify actions that were mutually beneficial that would ultimately benefit youth members in both Europe and Eurasia. Those who were present at the meeting were invited to make a note of what they would do following the meeting. Proposed actions included the following:

- Bi-lateral and multi-lateral youth exchanges
- Knowledge sharing on organisational development issues
- Management training
- Improvising Scouting's profile
- Youth Programme renewal workshops
- Assistance with implementation of Adult Resources policy
- Promotion of events taking place in Eurasia NSOs
- Encourage Eurasia NSOs to participate in Scout Academy 2009
- And many, many more...

To conclude the meeting, the participants unanimously gave their support to a short agreement that will provide a framework to support the implementation of the many actions that associations have agreed to take following the meeting.

We will circulate the report in due course which will cover the outputs from the meeting in more detail. In the meantime, we trust that this information is helpful in highlighting what is being done on your behalf to realise Resolution 14/2007 from the 19<sup>th</sup> European Scout Conference.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman, European Scout Committee

## **Europe – Eurasia Co-operation Agreement**

Representatives of National Scout Associations from the European Scout Region and the Eurasia Scout Region gathered for the 1st Europe-Eurasia Meeting in Kiev, Ukraine, from 24 to 26 April 2009 to discuss regional co-operation.

The 1st Europe-Eurasia Meeting agreed the following:

- That National Scout Associations interested in Europe-Eurasia Co-operation:
  - Seek to develop existing partnerships
  - Build new bi-lateral and multi-lateral partnerships
  - Share information and best practices
  - Encourage the development of relationships at unit level, leading to increased youth exchanges and participation in events for young people
  
- That both Regional Committees and Regional Offices would:
  - Regularly exchange information and resources
  - Advise and encourage participation in seminars, events and other learning opportunities organised by both Regions
  - Promote and encourage participation in nationally organised events
  - Work together on joint applications for funding through the European institutions
  - Seek to co-ordinate solidarity and technical support in order to maximise impact
  
- That this Europe-Eurasia Co-operation Agreement be reviewed on a bi-annual basis.

Kiev, Ukraine  
Sunday, 26 April 2009