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"SCREAM", working with the International Labour Organization (ILO)

Dear Colleagues,

Having a mission as challenging as 'Creating a better World', it becomes easier for an Organization like ours to understand the value of Partnerships in achieving our mission. Here is an opportunity to gain momentum towards achieving our goal, not only as a global organisation, but also adding value: to each Scout who will be involved, through gaining valuable knowledge and education; to the participating schools/units/groups who will each receive an Individual Certificate from ILO/IPEC; and last but not the least, to you, the National Scout Organization.

In the context of Strategic Priority number 4, 'Reaching Out', I am pleased to introduce you to SCREAM, an effort towards the elimination of Child Labour, by Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media (SCREAM). It is an initiative by the **International Labour Organization** (ILO), the United Nations' specialized agency.

The International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (ILO/IPEC) has produced a complete package which helps teachers and educators to promote young people's understanding of social justice issues as the basis for universal and lasting peace. It focuses on the social dimension of globalization and child labour in particular. Through its '*learning to do*' approach, the programme provides young people with tools for self expression and supports their personal and social development, much like in our Scout Method.

Scouts can also participate in SCREAM as part of their Centenary Gifts for Peace project. This could be a good starting point for NSOs who have yet to declare a project. Working to create awareness and understanding of issues such as Child Labour corresponds precisely to the Gifts for Peace working areas of 'Challenging Prejudice' and 'Encouraging Greater Solidarity'. For more information about the Gifts for Peace please see the following websites: www.scouting2007.org and www.scout.org

You will not be alone in implementing SCREAM at the national level. ILO is more than eager to help you establish a working **Partnership with ILO's** national office in your country. I am sure that this partnership will be an enduring one which will benefit your Scouts and the youth of your country in general. It is a well known fact that the ILO is committed to the promotion of productive employment for young women and men. In order to establish contact with ILO to explore the path of a plausible partnership, please write to us (External Relations Officer).

The entire tool kit is ready for download in over 11 different languages (www.ilo.org/scream). Now, there is nothing to prevent us from working together to eliminate 'Child Labour'. According to recent estimates by ILO there are over 245 million children below the age of 18 who have been forced into the worst forms of child labour. Many child labourers are deprived of an education and suffer physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Some will be physically handicapped or even die before reaching adulthood as a direct result of their labour. Others will be emotionally scarred for life.

An NSO not having enough resources but willing to develop a project on Child Labour using SCREAM can apply for assistance (financial/resources/people/infrastructure) using the new support system: **SCOPE**. Scout Project Exchange (SCOPE) is a process designed to facilitate partnerships between Scouts with particular needs, and others who are ready to offer assistance. Additionally, it will facilitate the establishment and development of partnerships with other National Scout Organizations. This is a practical implementation of the resolutions adopted by the 37th World Scout Conference in Hammamet, Tunisia (Resolution 22/05). For more details on how to apply for assistance under this innovative support system, please go through the SCOPE procedure document being sent to you concurrently or write to our Project Officer in charge of Partnership Development.

I wish you every success in your efforts towards the eradication of Child Labour and once again earnestly seek your support in achieving our mission.

Yours in Scouting,

Eduardo Missoni
Secretary General