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To: International Commissioners

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9th WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM Hammamet, Tunisia

Dear Colleagues,

The 9th World Scout Youth Forum will take place in Hammamet, Tunisia,

from Monday 29 August to – Thursday 1 September 2005,

just prior to the 37th World Scout Conference.

1. ORGANIZATION

Les Scouts Tunisiens, the National Scout Organization of Tunisia, will host the Forum. They have set up a Host Committee chaired by a young leader to arrange the event and they are working with enthusiasm to offer working facilities appropriate for such an event.

2. PLANNING COMMITTEE

As specified in Resolution 10/93 on Youth Forums, the agenda and procedures of the Forum are under the responsibility of the World Scout Committee. However, as recommended by the same Resolution, the World Scout Committee has appointed a Planning Committee, which will, among other things, be responsible for recommending the main content of the agenda of the Forum.

The Planning Committee has been appointed according to the Guidelines of the World Scout Youth Forum. It comprises the following persons:

- Abdessalem Mghirbi (Mr.), Les Scouts Tunisiens (Chairman)
- Tinatin Koiava (Ms.), Georgian Organization of the Scout Movement
- José Mazuze (Mr.), Liga dos Escuteiros de Moçambique
- Thomas Metelmann (Mr.), The Danish Scout Council
- Paula Orsini (Ms.), Scouts de Argentina
- Hui-Chun Shu (Ms.), The General Association of the Scouts of China

One Executive from the World Scout Bureau:

- Mr. Arturo Romboli, Project Officer, Relations and World Events

3. THEMES AND PROGRAMME

In their first meeting, in Geneva in March 2004, the Planning Committee agreed on a number of topics that would be relevant for the Forum participants to discuss. Both Scouting and non-Scouting topics were considered.

“Challenges for Young, Global Citizens” includes:

- Globalization – the impact on young people and our responsibilities as Scouts.
- The UN Millennium Development Goals – What can we do as Scouts?
- The impact of Scouting

“Challenges in Young People’s Life” includes:

- Challenges for young people and their professional and personal future
- Actual problems encountered by young people with a goal
- The generation gap

“Challenges in Scouting” includes:

- Items from the agenda of the World Scout Conference, 2005
- The Strategic Priorities
- Development of youth involvement in WOSM

The Planning Committee will develop methodologies that provide participants with opportunities for sharing ideas and developing skills. In general the methodology will be interactive, provocative, creative and flexible – in order to appeal to young people.

Various working methods will be used to share ideas, to encourage discussions, and to reach recommendations for the World Scout Committee.

Our Tunisian hosts will also organize activities, close to nature and in a “Scout spirit”, to discover and enjoy their country and to develop closer relationships among participants.

4. DATES

The 9th World Scout Youth Forum will be held from **Monday 29 August to – Thursday 1 September 2005**; opening on Monday morning and closing on Thursday evening. The participants will have to be on site on Sunday evening. Additional information will follow in a next circular.

5. LOCATION

The Forum will be held in Hotel **Les Colombes** in Hammamet.

Situated on a splendid white-sand beach, Les Colombes is a 3-star hotel/club, half-way between Hammamet and Nabeul, 65 km (1hr. 15min.) from the international airport Tunis-Carthage. (http://voyages2000.8m.com/Eng_Colombes.htm)

6. PARTICIPANTS

Each National Scout Organization is invited to send a delegation to the World Scout Youth Forum.

In Resolution 4/96 adopted by the 1996 World Conference in Oslo, the Conference recommends that each National Scout Organization sends **at least one delegate** to World Scout Youth Forums.

Each delegation may be composed of **a maximum of two delegates** (participants with right to speak and vote) and **three observers** (participants with right to speak but not to vote). Only individuals who are members of WOSM can be delegates to the World Scout Youth Forum. The participants must be **between their 18th and 26th birthdays in the year of the Forum (2005)**; in other words, **have been born between 1st January 1979 and 31st December 1987**.

a. Profile

World Scout Youth Forum participants should have:

- Experience in decision making at the institutional level within their National Scout Association and/or at Regional level,
- Knowledge of current issues under consideration in the World Organization of the Scout Movement,
- Some experience in or knowledge of conference participation, techniques of developing recommendations, and
- Some experience in representing young people.

b. Delegates and Observers

There are two kinds of participants in World Scout Youth Forums: delegates (max. two with the right to speak and to vote) and observers (max. three with right to speak but not to vote). At the time of registration each delegate and observer will be required to produce an official letter of appointment clearly indicating whether they are a delegate or observer, signed by the Chief Commissioner, International Commissioner or other responsible official of his or her National Scout Organization. (This letter is not needed if the information is on the official appointment of delegates form sent to the World Scout Bureau in advance.)

c. Selection

National Scout Organizations are responsible for ensuring the selection of appropriate participants in World Scout Youth Forum. The selection process should take into consideration the participants' capacity to contribute to the Forum topics. They should be selected in a democratic way, and the method of selection should involve young members. If possible, participants should be elected by their peers according to democratic principles, and they should represent other young people within their association (national youth platforms: youth forums, networks, etc.).

d. Participation

As far as possible, National Scout Organizations should, in the selection of their participants attempt to achieve an equitable representation of their membership (geographical, ethnic and social background). Specifically, where a National Scout Organization includes both male and female youth members it is recommended that there be balanced participation of both genders.

e. Preparation

National Scout Organizations are responsible for providing support to Forum participants in their preparation for the event. Participants should be selected or provided with training in accordance with the criteria listed above. Adequate information about the topics to be discussed by a World Scout Youth Forum will be given to National Scout Organizations early enough to allow them to pass it on to their participants to prepare for the Forum.

The following documents can be found on the WOSM website:

<http://www.scout.org/strat/sp1en.shtml>

- Report on Youth Involvement within and through Scouting
- Youth Involvement Reference Guide
- Youth Involvement at world level

It is very important that the participants are familiar with the contents of these documents in advance of the Youth Forum.

7. FORUM FEE

The fee for delegates and observers attending only the Forum is between **210 Euros and 400 Euros**, depending on the fee category in which your country is situated according to its GNI per capita. (see Annex 1).

In contrast to the fee for the World Scout Conference, the fee for the World Scout Youth Forum includes full board and lodging, i.e. accommodation in twin, triple and four-bed rooms and all meals. It also includes coffee breaks, Forum documentation, social activities and local transport.

In response to Resolution 6/02 adopted in 2002 in Thessaloniki, a particularly attractive combined "Forum + Conference" fee has been designed for participants below 26 years of age attending **both** events. It varies from **470 Euros** (10 Euros less than in Thessaloniki) to **830 Euros** (similar to Thessaloniki). This combined fee:

- provides a significant discount when compared with the fee for attending only the Forum,
- makes it possible for participants below 26 years of age, who would anyway attend the Conference, to also participate in the Forum (4 days full board) for only 30 Euros to 60 Euros.

8. PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

As recommended in Resolution 6/02 adopted in 2002 in Thessaloniki, National Scout Organizations are encouraged to include Forum delegates or observers in their World Scout Conference delegation. This is facilitated because:

- the World Scout Conference will take place in Yasmin Hammamet (a 30-minute drive from Hammamet) just a few days after the World Scout Youth Forum,
- an inter-event programme will be provided to Forum participants during the three days between the two events,
- as explained under item 7, a special combined "Forum + Conference" fee ranging from **470 Euros to 830 Euros** has been set for young participants below 26 years of age taking part **in both events**. (See Annex 1 for fee details.)

9. INTER-EVENT PROGRAMME

The Host Committee is planning to organize a special touring programme **from 2 to 4 September** for those young adults who will participating in the Youth Forum **and** in Conference, to enable them to stay in Tunisia at no additional cost.

This inter-event programme will be organized **only for those who have registered in advance for both events by using the registration forms which will be sent later.**

10. GETTING TO HAMMAMET

The Host Committee will welcome Youth Forum participants upon arrival at the Tunis-Carthage international airport and provide transport to Hammamet, as well as transport from Hammamet to the airport at the end of the Forum, or to the Conference hotels at the end of the inter-event programme for those who will participate in the Conference.

Tunis Airport is located at 1hr. 15 min. from Hammamet, the point of entry for many international flights.

There is a bus service from Tunis Airport to Hammamet. Details about the bus service and the fares will be sent in a later circular.

11. USEFUL INFORMATION

Numerous websites provide interesting information on Tunisia for travellers.

We recommend visiting the following websites: <http://www.tunisiaonline.com/> or <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/> or <http://travel.excite.com/>

The official currency of Tunisia is the Tunisian Dinar.

We recommend visiting <http://www.oanda.com> for calculating conversion rates between currencies.

Yours in Scouting,

Eduardo Missoni
Secretary General

Enclosures:

1. Registration fees for the World Scout Youth Forum
3. Planning Questionnaire (**to be returned no later than 30 September 2004**)

IMPORTANT !

PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

To assist our planning of this event, it would be appreciated if you could return to us, duly completed, the questionnaire attached as Annex 2, advising us of:

- the estimated number of young adults that your Organization intends to include in its delegation to the World Scout Youth Forum (either as Delegates or as Observers),
- the estimated number of those young adults participating in the World Scout Youth Forum that your Organization intends to also include in its delegation to the World Scout Conference,
- the estimated number of young adults who intend to request to take part in the inter-event programme specially organized for those who will participate in both the World Scout Youth Forum and the World Scout Conference.

Answering this questionnaire is of great importance. The information is indispensable to enable us to plan the means necessary to ensure a successful World Scout Youth Forum.

Thank you for your co-operation.

9th WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM
 HAMMAMET, TUNISIA
 29 AUGUST-1 SEPTEMBER 2005
WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM REGISTRATION FEE
In EUROS

YOU ARE...	COMING FROM A COUNTRY (*) BELONGING TO...	YOU WILL PAY IN <u>EUROS</u>
1. A Delegate or an Observer attending the World Scout Youth Forum only	CATEGORY A	210
	CATEGORY B	280
	CATEGORY C	350
	CATEGORY D	400
2. A Delegate or an Observer attending the World Scout Youth Forum and the World Scout Conference	CATEGORY A	470
	CATEGORY B	660
	CATEGORY C	760
	CATEGORY D	830
FOR INFORMATION: 3. <i>A Delegate or an Observer below 26 years old and attending only the World Scout Conference</i>	CATEGORY A	440
	CATEGORY B	570
	CATEGORY C	650
	CATEGORY D	670

(*) See list of countries with classification in categories on the back of this page.

CLASSIFICATION OF WOSM COUNTRIES IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES FOR 9th WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM FEE - ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Albania	B	Colombia	B	Hungary	C	Monaco	D	Singapore	D
Algeria	B	Comoro Is.	A	Iceland	D	Mongolia	A	Slovakia	C
Angola	A	Congo, Dem Rep	A	India	A	Morocco	B	Slovenia	D
Argentina	C	Costa Rica	C	Indonesia	A	Mozambique	A	South Africa	C
Armenia	A	Côte d'Ivoire	A	Ireland	D	Namibia	B	Spain	D
Australia	D	Croatia	C	Israel	D	Nepal	A	Sri Lanka	B
Austria	D	Cyprus	D	Italy	D	Netherlands	D	St. Lucia	C
Azerbaijan	A	Czech Republic	C	Jamaica	B	New Zealand	D	St. Vincent & Gr.	B
Bahamas	D	Denmark	D	Japan	D	Nicaragua	A	Sudan	A
Bahrain	C	Dominica	C	Jordan	B	Niger	A	Surinam	B
Bangladesh	A	Dominican Rep.	B	Kenya	A	Nigeria	A	Swaziland	B
Barbados	D	Ecuador	B	Kiribati	B	Norway	D	Sweden	D
Belgium	D	Egypt	B	Korea (Rep. of)	C	Oman	C	Switzerland	D
Belize	B	El Salvador	B	Kuwait	D	Pakistan	A	Tajikistan	A
Benin	A	Estonia	C	Latvia	B	Palestinian S.A.	A	Tanzania	A
Bhutan	A	Ethiopia	A	Lebanon	C	Panama Rep.	C	Thailand	B
Bolivia	B	Fiji	B	Lesotho	A	Papua New-Guin.	B	Togo	A
Bosnia-Herzeg.	B	Finland	D	Liberia	A	Paraguay	B	Trinidad	C
Botswana	C	France	D	Libya	C	Peru	B	Tunisia	B
Brazil	C	Gabon	C	Liechtenstein	D	Philippines	B	Turkey	C
Brunei	D	Gambia	A	Lithuania	B	Poland	C	Uganda	A
Bulgaria	B	Georgia	A	Luxembourg	D	Portugal	D	Un. Arab Emirates	D
Burkina Faso	A	Germany	D	Macedonia, TFYR o	B	Qatar	D	United Kingdom	D
Burundi	A	Ghana	A	Madagascar	A	Romania	B	U.S.A.	D
Cameroon	A	Greece	D	Malaysia	C	Russia	B	Uruguay	C
Canada	D	Grenada	C	Maldives Is.	B	Rwanda	A	Venezuela	C
Cape Verde	B	Guatemala	B	Malta	D	San Marino	D	Yemen	A
Chad	A	Guyana	B	Mauritania	A	Saudi Arabia	C	Yugoslavia	B
Chile	C	Haiti	A	Mauritius	C	Senegal	A	Zambia	A
China, Scouts of	D	Honduras	B	Mexico	C	Seychelles	C	Zimbabwe	A
		Hong Kong	D	Moldova	A	Sierra Leone	A		