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Scouting loses two Rovers in the hands of unscrupulous criminals in Mexico

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Ciudad Juarez, Mexico - May 25, 2010. It is with a great sense of loss and dismay that the World Organization of the Scout Movement receives the news of the murder of Pedro González (21) and Alejandro Ruiz (18), both distinguished Rover Scouts of the Mexican Scout Association. Pedro and Alejandro were driving back home this Sunday May 23 after offering a Scout service in a village near Ciudad Juarez when they were intercepted by an unscrupulous armed criminal commando who without any reason persecuted their vehicle and shot multiple times at it causing their death. The Mexican Scout Association will mount a Guard of Honor at Ciudad Juarez in their memory, and will conduct a series of activities to promote a culture of peace both within their members and Mexican society.

Alejandro Ruiz and Pedro Gonzalez were distinguished Rovers who lived by the Scout Promise and Law, and demonstrated an immeasurable service spirit at all times. They were closely involved in the Scouts of the World Discovery in Peace, and conducted peace projects within their city. Our fellow brothers will live in our memory as excellent sons, friends, students, Scouts, citizens, and individuals who strove tirelessly to leave this world better than how they found it. It is by living our commitment for service that we will best remember and honor them.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement strongly condemns these violent actions perpetrated against innocent young people, and urges all levels of the Mexican government to take the necessary measures to restore a climate of peace, rule of law and respect for human rights, specially among children and young people. As a social force, Scouts all over the world will continue working to promote a culture of peace and to make constructive contributions to Create a Better World.

All the necessary measures will be taken to ensure an appropriate follow-up to this case, and to support the family of our fellow Scouts at all times. May God give their families the strength needed in this difficult times. Alejandro and Pedro will live in the memory of our movement and in our hearts as an example of our commitment to leave this place better than how we found it. May their souls rest in peace.