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Changes to the Programme and Agenda of the 38th World Scout Conference Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, 14-18 July 2008

Dear Colleagues,

Resolution 12/05, adopted at the World Scout Conference in Tunisia (2005), recommended that the World Scout Committee seek ways of working at the World Scout Conference that are more active, by *"decreasing the number and length of plenary sessions and focussing these sessions on debates and discussions; and making increased use of workshops and small groups which allow better sharing and working between participants"*. There was also a request that *"the mission and strategy of the Movement be allotted a greater share of the time at the Conference"*.

The Planning Team for the Conference has planned the programme and agenda taking these recommendations into consideration. There are a number of changes to the Conference Programme and Agenda that we would like to bring to your attention. These are listed below.

Opportunities shall also be given to the Conference to consider the recommendations that the World Scout Committee may put forward as a result of the Governance Review Task Force report.

1. Support to new Conference Participants

It is recognised that at any World Scout Conference there will be a significant number of participants that are attending for the first time as delegates or observers. An introductory session for new participants is planned on **Sunday 13 July at 17.15**.

2. Increased use of workshops/small groups and more discussion/debate

a. Reports

The speeches of Chairman of the World Scout Committee, Secretary General and Treasurer on **Monday 14 July**, will be distributed in written format before the Conference. Speeches will be no more than 10 minutes and there will be a question and answer session immediately afterwards.

b. Workshop programme during the Conference

There will be two opportunities for workshops during the Conference. These workshops will cover a wide range of topics and be delivered by representatives from NSOs, to facilitate sharing of good practice. Over 40 topics can be covered in these sessions which will take place on **Wednesday 16 July from 10.15 – 12.30 and Thursday 17 July from 11.30 until 16.00**.

c. Opportunity for greater discussion and debate on draft Conference Resolutions

To facilitate the process of proposing, amending and adopting Conference Resolutions, a process has been developed to enable draft resolutions to be shared more openly and widely before they are formally circulated in the report from the Resolutions Committee. Discussion and debate can then take place at an earlier stage in the Conference. More details will be provided in **Conference Document 2: Rules of Procedure**.

d. Opportunity to meet informally with the Treasurer

There will be an opportunity for representatives of delegations to meet and discuss topics informally with the Treasurer on **Sunday 13 July at 17.15.**

e. Opportunity to network with others in similar roles in Scouting

There will be an opportunity for delegates and observers with similar roles in Scouting, e.g. Chief Commissioners, International Commissioners, National Programme Commissioners etc., to meet informally for an hour on **Tuesday 15 July at 18.00.**

3. The Mission and Strategy to be allotted a greater share of time

In addition to the workshop programme on Wednesday and Thursday, which will focus on work on the Strategy in NSOs, there will be a session to review progress in each of the strategic priorities and share ideas for the future direction of the Strategy for Scouting on **Tuesday 15 July from 11.15 to 12.30.**

4. Opportunities for discussion with candidates to the World Scout Committee

In response to Resolution 09/02, there will be an opportunity to meet informally with candidates to the World Scout Committee in the lobby area outside the Conference Hall on **Monday 14 July at 16.50.** The candidates will be introduced in plenary immediately before this session and will have the opportunity to address the Conference on the following day.

5. Give more time to the Regions

In addition to the changes outlined above, there will be two shorter sessions for Regional meetings. The first session will be on **Monday 14 July from 09.00 – 11.00** and the second is from **14.00 - 15.30 on Friday 18 July.** This will enable NSOs to meet in Regional groupings to discuss the Conference prior to the start of the Conference and also to meet and make plans at the end of the Conference programme.

We hope that you can envisage how the changes outlined above will make the Conference more interactive and dynamic. There will be the usual sessions and inputs and the details are provided in **Conference Document 1: Provisional Agenda.**

In addition to the formal programme, we have been working with our colleagues from the Korea Scout Association to provide an exciting social programme around the Conference venue so that you have excellent Conference experience.

We look forward to meeting with you at the International Convention Centre Jeju in July.

With best wishes.

Luc Panissod,
Acting Secretary General