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To : International Commissioners

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Policy on payment of registration fees - Provisional suspension of Membership

Dear Colleague,

1. At its meeting on 1 March 2008, the World Scout Committee carefully considered the situation of the 2 (two) only Member Organizations which still had not paid their registration fees for fiscal year 2006-2007.
2. Despite its satisfaction to note that this number is the lowest ever registred in the middle of a fiscal year, the World Scout Committee could only conclude that:
 - in fairness to all NSOs which are paying regularly their fees (in sometimes very adverse internal conditions for several of them),
 - in fairness to other NSOs which have had arrears and to which the World Scout Committee has consistently applied the Policy on payment of registration fee since its adoption in 1996,

it had no alternative but to reconfirm the full application of the provisions of the Policy on payment of registration fees to these **2** (two) Member Organizations.

At the time of writing this circular, this number remains the same 2 (two), namely **Chile** and **Senegal**, which are therefore provisionally suspended of membership with WOSM with **full** application of the sanctions as from **1 March 2008**.

This suspension will be automatically revoked as soon as the payment of the totality of their respective arrears is received.

3. It is my duty to remind you that, as a consequence of provisional suspension with **full** application of the sanctions, Member Organizations concerned will lose the right:
 - to participate in the 10th World Youth Forum (Korea, 7-10 July 2008) and in the 30th World Scout Conference (Korea, 14-18 July 2008) and hereby vote or present any candidate for election, unless these Organizations settled their arrears before the starting date of these events,
 - to have youth members participate in world or regional events under the auspices of WOSM taking place more than 12 months after the date of suspension (1 March 2008) i.e. events taking place after 1 March 2009,
 - to attend seminars, workshops or any other activities organized under the auspices of WOSM in 2008,
 - to join any other WOSM body (committees, task forces, working groups, etc.) for which the principle of nomination/appointment is by co-option.

4. Bearing in mind that certain suspended Member Organizations may have been victim of circumstances beyond their control, which make it impossible for them to pay their fees, the World Scout Committee has requested the Secretary General and the World Scout Bureau to examine means and ways to assist these Member Organizations in paying their arrears... provided these Organizations ask us to do so and are ready to share the necessary efforts to find a solution to their situation.

In this spirit, I am asking any Member Organization wishing to help one or the other suspended Member Organizations to recover their full rights (through any possible scheme: direct payment of fees, twinning of a particular Organization, etc.), to contact me.

It is the sincere hope of all that those two Member Organizations concerned will very soon be reinstated in their full rights and obligations as full Members of WOSM.

Yours in Scouting,

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Acting Secretary General