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Gifts for Peace and Centenary of Scouting Publications

Dear colleagues,

I am very pleased to send you the following new publications developed under the leadership of the Sub Committee for the 100th anniversary of Scouting and related to the initiatives undertaken during Scouting's Centenary in 2007:

- The Centenary of Scouting Overview
- The Gifts for Peace Report
- A CD-ROM containing the Gifts for Peace Report and photo exhibition

The Centenary of Scouting Overview contains a review of the long-term project to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting and information and photos of a large number of the fantastic programmes and events that took place during 2007. It also includes a section on 'building on the success and learning from the projects', which offers a critique of world-level initiatives in order to assist National Scout Organizations plan for their own national centenaries and future celebrations and maximise opportunities.

The Gifts for Peace report contains truly inspirational projects that were organised by over 110 National Scout Organizations, as well as beautiful photos of many of the projects. This publication illustrates the capacity of Scouting to really make an impact in communities worldwide and shares the work accomplished by millions of young people. An accompanying CD-ROM contains the report in English and French as well as an exhibition of black and white photographs of some of the Gifts for Peace projects, taken by the award-winning photographer Yoshi Shimizu. These two resources have been produced jointly by the World Scout Bureau and World Scout Foundation. The enclosed documents are available to download from scout.org.

Please note that each National Scout Organisation/Association will receive an additional 3 copies of the Gifts for Peace report. I would like to encourage you to share this report with key supporters, funders and leaders. You may wish, for example, to consider presenting this to members of your government or other dignitaries on 21 September, International Day of Peace to strengthen the link between Scouting and peace education. Information on this day and related activities will be available shortly on scout.org. Please share this work widely with others and show them what Scouting can achieve and has achieved!

I take this opportunity to also highlight the World Scout Conference business resolution on 'Peace Education in Scouting' which was adopted unanimously at the recent 38th World Scout Conference in Korea. This builds on the work achieved over the past 100 years in the area of peace education. A copy of the adopted resolution is printed on the reverse of this circular.

I wish you every success with your upcoming national centenaries and current programmes. It is very important that these celebrations are used to develop and strengthen Scouting nationally and locally and to promote the image of Scouting in your country.

Yours in Scouting

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Acting Secretary General

CONFERENCE RESOLUTION: EDUCATION FOR PEACE

The Conference:

- recognising the tremendous value that participation in social development projects contributes to the all-round education of children and young people in Scouting
 - noting that the last two World Scout Conferences, meeting in Greece in July 2002 and in Tunisia in 2005, unanimously adopted resolutions supporting the Gifts for Peace
 - appreciating the excellent projects developed and implemented by over 110 National Scout Organizations in the scope of the Gifts for Peace
 - valuing the wide range of educational support available to support the work of National Scout Organizations
 - recognising the support received from external donors to support this area of work and thanking them for their generosity
 - noting the wide benefits of this work to the development of quality programmes, better profiles, increased fundraising opportunities and opportunities to work in partnership with others
- strongly encourages all National Scout Organizations to continue to promote and integrate education for peace within their national Scout programmes
 - urges National Scout Organizations to continue to develop and implement their Gifts for Peace projects adapting these to the needs of the local communities and society
 - recommends that National Scout Organizations work in partnership with others, following the Marrakech Charter (Bangalore revised edition), to enrich our programmes, strengthen our impact and demonstrate solidarity with others
 - strongly urges National Scout Organizations to adopt and implement the Scouts of the World Award as a way of supporting education for peace and community development amongst the older age Scout sections
 - encourages all National Scout Organizations to build on all of the achievements of the Centenary of Scouting in 2007 to further develop Scouting, promote its relationships with the community and increase its visibility as a modern educational youth movement serving society's needs in the 21st century.
 - encourages National Scout Organizations to continue with contributions to the Scout Universal Fund each year to promote local groups in their National Scout Organizations to support the growth of Scouting at local levels, for countries in need.