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## **CIRCULAR**

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### **Circular No. 21/2002**

To: International Commissioners

Dear Colleagues,

### **36<sup>th</sup> WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE: BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

Attached you will find the Business Resolutions which were adopted by the 36<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference. Several of these resolutions require your attention and action.

Please note that, since the attached resolutions are a compilation of all those adopted during the World Scout Conference, the sequence and numbering is different from that used in the Resolutions Committee report to the Conference.

The final text, as amended, of the policy statement on Youth Involvement in Decision-Making (Resolution 6/02) will be distributed to NSOs shortly.

The official Conference Report is being compiled. One copy will be sent to each National Scout Organization in *Scoutpak* when it is published. Additional copies are available free of charge if requested before 30 September 2002.

Yours sincerely,

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36<sup>th</sup> WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE  
BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

1/02 REGISTRATION OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

The Conference

- records with pleasure the admission of the following members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement:  
*Effective 20 August 2000*
  - Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan  
*Effective 1 October 2000*
  - All Russia National Scout Organization  
*Effective 15 July 2002*
  - Associação dos Escuteiros de Cabo Verde
  - Ethiopia Scout Association
- records with pleasure the recognition by the World Scout Committee of the Seychelles Scout Association as an Accredited National Scout Organization effective 14 July 2002.

2/02 SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The Conference

- accepts that Besa Scouts Albania be given eighteen months, to 15 January 2004, to confirm in a democratic manner the representativity of its leadership, to settle other issues and to fulfil its obligations as a Member of WOSM, under the supervision of the European Scout Committee; decides that if, at the end of that period, such problems have not been settled to the satisfaction of the World Scout Committee, Besa Scouts Albania be expelled from the World Organization; agrees, in view of the favourable and promising report received from a recent visit of the European Scout Office to Albania, to authorise exceptionally the representative from Besa Scouts Albania to take part in the Conference as a guest
- accepts that the Belarusian National Scout Association be given eighteen months, to 15 January 2004, to hold a legitimate General Assembly, to have its accounts independently audited and to fulfil its obligations as a Member of WOSM; decides that if, at the end of that period, such problems have not been settled to the satisfaction of the World Scout Committee, the Belarusian National Scout Association be expelled from the World Organization.

3/02 THE STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING

The Conference

- recognizing the excellent progress made and the achievements since “Towards a Strategy for Scouting” was adopted by the World Scout Conference in Melbourne in 1988
- commending the World Scout Committee’s Strategy Task Force for the preparation of the document “A Strategy for Scouting: the proposed concept” as a means to achieve the mission of Scouting
- appreciating the participatory process that has been followed since the Durban Conference in developing that document and noting the strong pre-Conference

endorsement by NSOs of the vision statement, the strategic areas and the seven strategic priorities contained in that document

- emphasizing the importance for Scouting at all levels to adopt a Strategy which, building on the achievements since the Melbourne Conference in 1988, enables the Movement to accomplish its mission with renewed vigour as it approaches its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007
- confirming that being a worldwide Movement in an increasingly globalized world gives Scouting and its members a global responsibility to try to make the world a better place
- further confirming that Scouting possesses the means to make a substantial contribution to bridging the manifold divides in the world today and to strengthen global solidarity both within the Movement and with non-Scouts
- adopts the “Strategy for Scouting” as stated in the document “A Strategy for Scouting: the proposed concept” and urges all levels of WOSM to implement the proposals contained therein
- agrees to put a special emphasis on the priorities Youth Involvement, Volunteers in Scouting and Scouting’s Profile during the triennium leading up to the 37<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference in Tunisia in 2005
- requests the World Scout Committee to report to the 37<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference on the progress made in the implementation of the Strategy.

#### 4/02 MEMBERSHIP FEE SYSTEM

##### The Conference

- adopts the registration fee system described in Annex 12 of Conference Document No. 3 as the WOSM Fee System from fiscal year 2002-2003 starting 1 October 2002
- decides that the following shall apply for fiscal year 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005:
  - basic fee per member: CHF 1.11
  - category A: GNI per capita up to US\$ 755
  - category B: GNI per capita from US\$ 756 to US\$ 2,995
  - category C: GNI per capita from US\$ 2,996 to US\$ 9,265
  - category D: GNI per capita from US\$ 9,266 to US\$ 44,340
  - minimum annual fee payable: CHF 300
  - annual flat fee for Member Organization in a country with a GNI per capita of less than US\$ 350: CHF 300
  - annual flat fee for an Accredited National Scout Organization: CHF 200.

#### 5/02 FINANCIAL MATTERS

##### The Conference

- recognizing that crucial financial issues such as adoption of a new fee system may arise again in the future
- recognizing that financial management is of great concern to Member Organizations and may have considerable impact on their internal life and membership development
- urges the World Scout Committee to:

- deliver all future crucial financial documents (such as fee system adjustments, etc.) well in advance for appropriate discussion and reaction in individual Member Organizations
- include adequate and sufficient analytic explanations to facilitate NSOs' consideration of the material.

## 6/02 YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING

### The Conference

- endorses the World Scout Committee's statement on Youth Involvement in Decision-Making contained in Conference Document No. 7, as amended.
- urges each national Scout association to ensure an equitable representation of young men and women under the age of thirty in national decision-making bodies and in the delegations to Regional and World Conferences, and invites each national association to present its efforts and progress made relating to this issue in its annual report to the World Scout Bureau.
- urges the World Scout Committee to give priority to young men and women over older persons in the nomination of members of technical committees and working groups at world level provided they offer the adequate competencies, and requests the Regions to apply the same principle.
- calls upon each national Scout association to act upon the commitments to strengthen youth participation made since 1993, by presenting young male and female candidates with the required profile and competence for election to the World Scout Committee.
- urges the Regional Scout Conferences to strongly advocate this course of action.
- decides that World Scout Youth Forums be considered as educational opportunities for youth members in the oldest age sections. Their purpose shall be to enable young people to: share their ideas and experiences on current issues affecting young people in different parts of the world; suggest ways of strengthening national youth policies and training young people for world citizenship; and contribute new ideas to the Movement on how to enrich educational programmes for young people over 16.
- decides that World Scout Youth Forums should continue to be held immediately prior to World Scout Conferences, and allow more young members to be better prepared for the World Scout Conferences.
- decides that World Scout Youth Forums be empowered to make such recommendations they feel appropriate to the World Scout Committee for that Committee's consideration.
- urges NSOs to introduce and adopt policies that will allow the involvement of young people in local and national decision-making bodies and develop partnerships between adults and young people.
- decides that the World Scout Committee performs an evaluation of the situation of youth involvement in decision-making, after each World Scout Conference.

## 7/02 KEEPING SCOUTS SAFE FROM HARM

### The Conference

- recognising that the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child requests States to ensure that children are protected from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse

- noting that there is a growing awareness in society of the need to protect young people from all forms of abuse
- considering that Scouting is an educational Movement whose mission is to help young people develop their full potential in accordance with the Scout Method, which involves the effective functioning of the peer group under appropriate adult guidance
- emphasising that the achievement of Scouting's mission makes it essential for the Movement to provide young people with a 'safe passage' which respects their integrity and their right to develop in a non-constraining environment
- further emphasising that providing this 'safe passage' is possible only if young people are protected from all forms of abuse, i.e. verbal, physical, sexual and emotional, neglect and peer pressures
- welcoming the fact that a number of NSOs have developed effective policies and procedures aimed at ensuring the 'safe passage' for their young people in Scouting
- urges NSOs to adopt and implement policies and procedures to ensure the safe passage of young people throughout their time in the Movement
- recommends that in developing such policies associations should ensure that legal requirements within a country, and the standards set out within the Convention on the Rights of the Child, are met
- further recommends that NSOs ensure that such policies are duly reflected in the totality of the association's activities, in particular:
  - at the level of the youth programme - that it instils self-confidence and self-esteem in young people and develops the ability to protect and express themselves
  - at the level of adult leadership - that recruitment policies ensure that only appropriate adults are recruited and that all adults, irrespective of their role, receive training and support in this area
  - at the level of management of the association - that policies and procedures for intervention, including risk management, incident management and public relations are put into place
- recommends to the World Scout Committee that tools and documents are developed to support National Scout Organizations with this implementation
- urges the World Scout Regions to strongly advocate and support this course of action.

## 8/02 REPORTS

### The Conference

- recognising the importance of transparency of the work of the World Scout bodies
- welcoming the practice of circulating summary reports to National Scout Organizations after each meeting of the World Scout Committee during recent years
- considering that reports of implementation of resolutions taken by World Scouting bodies is not part of the reports given by the World Scout Committee
- appreciating the document "Volunteers Serving World Scouting"
- appreciating the time allocated to discuss the reports of the Chairman, Secretary General and Treasurer

- urges the World Scout Committee to ensure the practice of circulating summary reports of meetings is continued
- requests that a document reporting on the implementation of resolutions taken by a World Scout Conference be circulated prior to the following World Scout Conference
- urges the World Scout Committee to prepare a similar list of appointments of volunteers serving World Scouting within half a year after each World Scout Conference
- requests the World Scout Committee to include in the agenda of future World Conferences the discussion of reports of the World Scout Committee.

#### 9/02 WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE CANDIDATES' PRESENTATION

##### The Conference

- considers the situation of presentation of candidates to the World Scout Conference as unsatisfactory for candidates and delegates and inappropriate to get an overall impression of the candidates
- reaffirms that the World Scout Committee, as executive body of WOSM, must be comprised of highly qualified persons who can contribute to the development of World Scouting in an efficient, remarkable and convincing manner
- urges the World Scout Committee to give candidates for election to the Committee the opportunity to introduce themselves during the plenary session, allocating enough time and space that the Conference can take into consideration the high quality of the candidates and urges candidates to present their motivations, priorities and objectives for their future work in the World Scout Committee and ways to achieve these.

#### 10/02 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

##### The Conference

- recognising that participation in decision-making bodies should be based upon competence
- noting that under the present system only persons who have the personal financial resources or persons who have financial support from their association can afford to become members of the World Scout Committee
- recalling that Circular No. 32/2001 contained a note that members of the World Scout Committee are entitled to request reimbursement of their expenses to attend the annual World Committee meeting at which the budget is approved, thus highlighting the issue and making the need for an open and clear policy even more necessary
- believing that a policy of reimbursing the expenses of the members of the World Scout Committee to attend meetings of the World Committee and sub-committees will widen the spectrum of people and range of countries represented in the World Committee
- hoping that a policy on reimbursing the expenses of members of the World Scout Committee to attend World Committee and sub-committee meetings will encourage National Scout Organizations to particularly nominate young people for election to the World Committee, as these are the people who are much more in need of financial support compared to older adults
- recommends that WOSM reimburse the expenses of members of the World Scout Committee to attend World Committee and sub-committee meetings.

## 11/02 COST OF WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCES

### The Conference

- recalling Resolutions 11/85, 22/90, 23/90 and 11/96 adopted by previous World Scout Conferences
  - recognising the progress made in respect of controlling costs since the World Scout Conference in Munich in 1985
  - convinced that the participation of each National Scout Organization in the World Scout Conference is indispensable
  - persuaded that financial considerations must in no case be an obstacle to the effective participation of any National Scout Organization in the World Scout Conference
- reaffirms its attachment to the principle of solidarity
  - requests the World Scout Committee to establish a list of obligations for the Host Committee of future World Scout Conferences including clauses outlining satisfactory and accessible conditions for all participants.

## 12/02 SCHOLARSHIPS

### The Conference

- encourages the World Scout Committee to promote and obtain from other sources (Associations, NGOs, Rotary Clubs, Foundations, United Nations, Regional Intergovernmental Organizations, etc.) a number of scholarships for the participation of young people who come from countries of low resources, in order to enable them to attend both the World Scout Youth Forum prior to a World Scout Conference, and the Conference itself, in both cases as delegates or observers.

## 13/02 WOSM/WAGGGS RELATIONSHIPS

### The Conference

- noting that the 31<sup>st</sup> WAGGGS World Conference in Manila in June 2002 has adopted a resolution on the WAGGGS Long Term Vision which recommends to continue to dialogue with WOSM within the Consultative Committee to explore aspects of an “allied future” that, *inter alia*, preserves the mission, identity and unique character of WAGGGS and respects the independence of each of its Member Organizations
  - respecting fully WAGGGS’ position
- recommends to the World Scout Committee to continue its dialogue with WAGGGS within the Consultative Committee
  - further recommends to the World Scout Committee to ensure that this dialogue be clearly focused on exploring ways of strengthening relations between WOSM and WAGGGS and that it be fully compatible with the objectives and priorities of the Strategy for Scouting
  - requests the World Scout Committee to present to the World Scout Conference in 2005 a report on WOSM/WAGGGS relationships including any concrete proposals.

## 14/02 TOWARDS SCOUTING'S CENTENARY: 2002-2007

### The Conference

- acknowledging that the World Scout Committee, meeting at Gilwell Park in the United Kingdom in April 1997, declared that Scouting's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary should be celebrated throughout 2007 and announced this information to all countries on 1 August 1997, noting that "starting now, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary is to provide a platform for the development of Scouting"
- recognizing that 1 August 2007 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Scouting, a century after Baden-Powell opened an experimental camp on Brownsea Island for boys from a wide range of social backgrounds in the United Kingdom
- noting that the 2007 Task Force for the Centenary of Scouting, composed of ex-officio members representing the World Scout Committee, the World Scout Foundation, the World Scout Bureau, and The Scout Association of the United Kingdom, was constituted in 1997 and continues to work towards the development of a Centenary programme
- having received World Scout Conference Document No. 11 "Toward Scouting's Centenary: 2002 to 2007"
- recognizes that it is essential to plan ahead to use the opportunities of the Centenary, and that such planning can provide significant benefits to all NSOs for developing their programmes and public profiles
- notes the concept and programme framework outlined in Conference Document No. 11, as well as the Centenary theme, "2007: One World, One Promise", and the badges presented in that document
- acknowledges the extreme importance to our Movement of using the years between now and 2007 to strengthen Scouting to enable it to make an increased contribution to addressing the needs of young people in today's societies
- urges National Scout Organizations to adopt and implement plans following the concept and programme framework presented in Conference Document No. 11, within the context of the Strategy for Scouting adopted by the Conference
- urges the World Scout regions to help NSOs define objectives and targets in this planning and implementation process
- recommends to the World Scout Committee that additional tools be developed to support NSOs in this area of their work
- strongly encourages all NSOs to announce, at the World Scout Conference in 2005, the actions their members will undertake to "help make a better world" in the time leading up to the Centenary and as outlined at the 36th World Scout Conference in Document No. 11.

## 15/02 MARRAKECH CHARTER

### The Conference

- referring to the adoption of the Marrakech Charter by the 34<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference in 1996
- noting the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation on the use of the Marrakech Charter presented to this Conference
- expresses its willingness to continue to develop reciprocal and equitable partnerships, which are the only means of promoting real international solidarity in our Movement

- invites the World Scout Committee to implement the recommendations arising from the evaluation, especially
  - produce at world level a kit on partnership, based on the Charter and proposing tools and practical initiatives, to be presented to the next Regional Scout Conferences
  - invite Regional Offices to disseminate the kit and promote through example the spirit of the Marrakech Charter
- requests the World Scout Committee to present a report on the promotion and use of the kit at the next World Scout Conference.

#### 16/02 FAIR TRADE AND CHILD PROTECTION

##### The Conference

- considering that the development of peace is achieved through the development of justice and equity
- considering that the causes of the most shocking injustice in the world include inequality in commercial relations and child labour
- considering that WOSM and its National Scout Associations, through SCORE International and Scout Shops, have a role to play in international trade
- recommends to the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to develop guidelines for National Scout Organizations and to make SCORE a standard bearer with a purchasing policy resolutely engaged in the promotion of fair trade and in refusing child labour
- recommends to National Scout Organizations to do everything possible to ensure that the commercial practices of their Scout Shops are also engaged in this sense.

#### 17/02 MASS MEDIA

##### The Conference

- taking into account the impact that mass media has in creating images and the increasing importance that international and global mass media play in modern society
- considering the urgent need and the increasing importance of improving Scouting's image worldwide, as the largest voluntary youth organization in the world, providing non-formal education through the Scout Method
- recommends that action should be taken, at world level, to pursue a continuous and sustained effort in promoting Scouting through international and global mass media network.