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JOTA-JOTI 2009 Half a million Scouts, 6500 actions for environment

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On the weekend of 17-18 October 2009, thousands of Scouts from all over the world met via air-waves and the Internet. At the World Scout Bureau radio station, the JOTA international team welcomed 50 Scouts and Guides de France and Portuguese Scouts. They established connection with more than 50 countries. From Germany, the JOTI international team implemented all the necessary technology to run the event.

At the end of a working meeting on WOSM Governance, Luc Panissod, Secretary General, came to say hello to all participants and broadcasted the following message : "As every year, on the occasion of the JOTA/JOTI, you have been part of half a million Scouts coming together over the air-waves

and through the Internet. On behalf of World Scouting, I thank you all, volunteers and young people from all around the world, for having shared a real spirit of brotherhood and cooperation.

In order to demonstrate what the Scout Movement is doing in favour of protecting our common environment, we invited all of you to promote your challenges for climate change. I'm very happy to announce that since 12th October, more than 3000 new actions have been registered by you on the website of the race for environment, adding up to some 6400 actions being undertaken worldwide by Scouts just like you.

On your behalf, we will ensure that all these actions will be brought to the attention of the United Nations Summit on Climate Change which will be held this December in Copenhagen.

This last weekend, your friendly and supportive contributions has demonstrated the great capacity of the Scout Movement to concretely act to create a better world. I hope that you will use JOTA-JOTI to all come together again next year and I encourage all of you to continue your positive actions wherever you are.?"