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other Scout Regions
Members of the World Scout Committee

Geneva, 23 October 2008

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

1. As agreed with Regional Chairman Ronald Castro while in Korea, I paid a visit from 2-5 October 2008 to the World Scout Bureau-Interamerican Regional Office in Santiago. I was joined there by Regional Vice-Chairmen Omar Lugo and Nigel Taylor representing the Interamerican Regional Scout Committee.

2. Following a review of the performance of the Regional Office in general and of the key executives of the Regional Office staff, and after consultation and in agreement with Omar Lugo and Nigel Taylor, I decided that Regional Director Alberto del Brutto will take a leave of absence to recover his health for an undetermined period of time and will be consequently relieved from his duties as Regional Director for the same period of time.

3. Still after consultation and in agreement with Omar Lugo and Nigel Taylor, I decided to appoint Gabriel Oldenburg as Acting Regional Director also for an undetermined period of time. I will re-assess the situation in due course in collaboration with the Regional Scout Committee and will present a status report at the next meeting of the Regional Committee in February 2009.

3. Gabriel's first task has been to support as best as possible under the circumstances the meeting of the Regional Scout Committee just held in Punta Cana. I am sure that you will also support him and the team in Santiago in their endeavours to better serve the NSOs of the Interamerican Region as well as the Regional Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact Gabriel Oldenburg or myself should you wish to obtain more detailed information.

Yours in Scouting.

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