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To : International Commissioners

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POLICY ON PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES - PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Dear Colleague,

- 1) Reference is here made to the document "Policy concerning payment of registration fees", (and more particularly its annexes 1, 2 and 3), previously circulated on many occasion to all WOSM National Scout Organizations.
- 2) I am pleased to inform you that by 30 September 2008 (last day of our fiscal year 2007-2008), **no** National Scout Organization (NSO) had arrears, i.e. unpaid fees for years prior to 2007-2008.
- 3) However, on 1st October 2008, first day of our new fiscal year 2008-2009, 25 NSOs had unpaid fees for year 2007-2008, for a total amount of CHF 213,357.
- 4) In application of the policy under 1) above, these 25 Member Organisations have been automatically suspended as at 1st October 2008, with **partial application of the sanctions**.
- 5) At the time of writing this circular and following the meeting of the Budget Committee and the World Scout Committee, the above number was reduced to the following 19 Member Organizations, globally owing this Office CHF 65,013 :

Argentina, Bulgaria, Chad, Chile, Comoro Islands, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Gabon, Jamaica, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nigeria, St. Lucia, Sudan, Uruguay.

The immediate practical consequences of this situation for the 19 NSOs concerned are :

- The loss of voting rights at World and / or Regional events organised under the auspices of WOSM;
- The loss or right for individuals of the suspended Member Organization to join committees or stand for election in any organs of WOSM

until and unless their arrears are cleared.

- 6) The situation will be reviewed by the World Scout Committee at its next meeting in March 2008. If, by then, the suspended NSOs have not cleared their situation, their suspension with partial application of the sanctions will be automatically transferred into provisional suspension of membership with **full application of the sanctions**.

- 7) Bearing in mind that certain suspended Member Organizations may have been victim of circumstances beyond their control, which makes it impossible for them to pay their fees, the World Scout Committee has requested the Acting 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 them to do so and are ready to share the necessary efforts to find a solution to their situation.

For example, the World Scout Bureau makes itself available to contact any national authority or individual that may be in a potential position to support the NSOs concerned. Such action has proven to be successful on several occasions in the past years.

In this spirit, I am asking any Member Organization wishing to help one or several of the 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 or the Member Organization concerned.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Yours in Scouting,

Luc Panissod
Acting Secretary General