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To: Chairpersons, Executive Directors,
International Commissioners and members of
National Councils of the Scout Associations of
the Interamerican Region.

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Candidatures to host the 14th Panamerican Scout Jamboree.

Dear friends,

Under the provisions of the Regional Constitution, Article 23, paragraph g, at its meeting in the city of Panama from 14 to 19 August 2010, the Interamerican Conference is required to elect a venue for the 14th Panamerican Scout Jamboree to be held in 2013.

All associations interested in hosting the next Panamerican Jamboree are invited to send a formal application at the earliest possible date to the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Region, at the email address interamerica@scout.org. Candidatures received will be referred to the Interamerican Scout Committee, which will review them in accordance with the criteria indicated herein.

The Constitution specifies no specific deadline for the submission of candidatures, which may therefore be received until the days immediately preceding the Conference. It will not be possible for the WSB-IAR to conduct last minute feasibility studies of candidatures, however, as has been done in the past, as a report commended by the ISC to the WSB-IAR in order to verify the existence of the basic conditions the candidature must offer. The absence of such a technical report will not limit the possibilities of any candidature, but associations interested in hosting the event are advised to present their candidatures in the fullest form possible.

The criteria the ISC will use to judge the viability of a proposal to host the Panamerican Scout Jamboree are as follows:

- Facilities of air and land access to the city proposed to host the event.
- Specifications of the venue available for meetings.
- Human resources available to organize the Jamboree.
- Attractiveness of the programme as proposed in preliminary form.
- Foreseeable reaction and support on the part of the community.
- Budgets, costs, availability of services and financial viability.
- Facilities provided for the work of the ISC and the WSB-IAR.
- Capacity of the association to meet the commitments it undertakes in this regard.

In addition, the ISC recommends that a number of institutional aspects of the association offering to host and organize the Panamerican Jamboree be taken into consideration:

- Whether Scouting has a considerable presence in the country or at least in the area where the event will be held.
- Whether the association has –at the level of the district, province or region where the event will be held– a basic development infrastructure which will enable it to organize the event without disrupting, interrupting or paralyzing the course of institutional life. This means having enough human resources to staff the activity efficiently without deferring the association’s normal programmes.

- Whether the association is in a position to contribute resources from its own means and to raise them sufficiently in advance of the Jamboree, since experience has shown that registration fees cover between one half and two thirds of the cost of the event.
- Whether the association has a good working relationship with government authorities and with institutions or firms that can provide support for the activity or help with resources and services, and has developed a system of institutional relations that enable it to generate interest and support on the part of the community.

The Interamerican Scout Committee will inform all National Scout Associations in the Interamerican Region of the candidatures that have been received **by 31 July 2010**. This does not mean that candidatures may not be submitted after that date, but the ISC normally reserves a period of time to review the applications and consult with the proposing associations.

A set of basic guidelines for the organization of a Panamerican Jamboree is attached for the information of the association authorities and, in particular, those responsible for preparing the candidature. These guidelines have been adapted from the corresponding document approved by the World Scout Committee. Also attached is an outline of the programme requirements.

We look forward to seeing you very soon in Panama.

With kind regards,

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