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To: International Commissioners

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**39th World Scout Conference, Brazil, 2011  
Call for nominations for World Scout Committee Membership**

Dear colleagues,

In accordance with Article XII of the Constitution, the following six members of the World Scout Committee will retire from office at the 39th World Scout Conference:

Mr. William F. (Rick) CRONK (U.S.A.)  
Mr. Mario DIAZ MARTINEZ (Spain)  
Mrs. Thérèse BERMINGHAM (Ireland)  
Mr. Georges EL GHORAYEB (Lebanon)  
Mr. Nkwenkwe NKOMO (South Africa)  
Mr. Gualtiero ZANOLINI (Italy)

Subsequent to the amendments made to Article XII,3 of the Constitution at the last World Scout Conference, elections will be held at the World Conference in Brazil to fill the resulting vacancies for the period 2011-2014. Consequently, the delegates will elect, from the list of candidates, six members for a period of three years.

Article XII,2(a) stipulates that *"In no case shall more than one elected member from any one National Scout Organization serve on the Committee in any one period"*. Therefore, candidates from the following member countries are NOT eligible to stand: Brazil, Canada, Korea, Malaysia, Tunisia, United Kingdom.

The new World Scout Committee will therefore be composed of the following members:

- Six (6) continuing elected members:
  - Mr. Simon Hang-Bock RHEE (Korea)
  - Mr. Erik KHOO (Malaysia)
  - Mr. Wahid LABIDI (Tunisia)
  - Mr. John MAY (United Kingdom)
  - Mr. John NEYSMITH (Canada)
  - Mr. Oscar PALMQUIST (Brazil)
- Six (6) new elected members, each to serve three (3) years
- WOSM Secretary General: Mr. Luc PANISSOD
- Treasurer: Mr. Maurice MACHENBAUM
- The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of each duly elected Regional Scout Committee
- A member of the Board of the World Scout Foundation.

If your Organization wishes to make a nomination, the enclosed nomination form, duly filled in, must reach the World Scout Bureau **no later than 12 November 2010**. The consent of the nominee must be obtained before his or her name is submitted.

As required by By-Law II,2, in order to qualify as a candidate for election, the nomination must be made or endorsed by the candidate's National Scout Organization, failing which the nomination will not be valid.

In order to give Member Organizations details about the nominees, I enclose a nomination form which should be completed for the nominee and returned to the World Scout Bureau together with a **horizontal head and shoulders portrait in colour** of the nominee in electronic format (technical specifications on the form).

In accordance with Resolution 25, adopted by the 33rd World Scout Conference in 1993, your National Scout Organization, in looking for a suitable candidate, is invited to consider the enclosed job specifications and suggested profile, which were issued by the World Scout Committee at its September 1995 session and subsequently revised.

Article XII,1 of the World Constitution states that the members of the World Scout Committee do not represent "any particular Member Organization or Region". Furthermore, as one of the WOSM fundamental purposes is to "promote unity" of the Scout Movement throughout the world (Article IV,2), the World Scout Committee invites all WOSM Member Organizations to keep in mind, in making nominations, the desirability of geographical balance in the membership of the World Scout Committee.

As a reminder, six geographical areas have been defined by the World Scout Committee: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, Interamerica. The six continuing elected members are from the following areas: Arab (1), Asia-Pacific (2), Europe (1), Interamerica (2).

**In accordance with the Strategy for Scouting adopted at the 36th World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki, and in particular the priorities on youth involvement in the decision-making process, and the importance of gender equality, and in accordance with Resolution 06/2002, National Scout Organizations are strongly invited to nominate young people of less than 30 years of age at the time of the Conference, as well as women as candidates.**

After 12 November 2010, the list of nominations will be closed, and it will be circulated to all member countries in advance of the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Luc Panissod  
Secretary General

**Enclosures:**

1. World Scout Committee Members Job Specifications
2. World Scout Committee Members Suggested Profile
3. Nomination Form / Form for Declaration (text of motivation)

**WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS JOB SPECIFICATIONS**  
**Approved by the World Scout Committee, September 1995**

**Last updated: June 2010**

**Ref.: Resolution 25/93**

**THE PERMANENT SITUATION (description)**

- 1. The World Scout Committee (WSC) is the executive organ of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)**

**World Organization of the Scout Movement**

- World Scout Conference: Governing organ
- **World Scout Committee: Executive organ**
- World Scout Bureau: Secretariat

The chief administrative officer of WOSM is the **Secretary General**, who is appointed by the WSC. The **Treasurer** is also appointed by the WSC.

**2. Voting members of the WSC**

There are twelve (12) elected members of the WSC, who have the right to vote. They are each elected for a three (3) year term of office and may stand for re-election for one additional term. After two continuous terms (i.e. a total of six (6) years), a retiring member shall only be eligible for re-election after a lapse of three (3) years.

(See Article XII,4 of the Constitution for provisions in the event of a vacancy on the WSC arising between World Scout Conferences. A member who has filled a vacancy in this way is eligible for immediate re-election at the next World Scout Conference.)

**3. Non-voting members of the WSC**

The following are non-voting members of the WSC:

- The Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement
- The Treasurer
- The Chairperson or a Vice-Chairperson of each Regional Scout Committee
- A member of the Board of the World Scout Foundation

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**4. Constitutional functions of the World Scout Committee**

Article XII,1 of the World Constitution stipulates that:

*The World Scout Committee is the executive organ of the World Organization. Its members shall consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered, as representing any particular Member Organization or Region.*

Article XIII describes the functions of the World Scout Committee as follows:

1. *To act on behalf of the World Scout Conference between its meetings; to give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies; and to represent it at international and national events.*
2. *To promote the Scout Movement throughout the world by means of visits, correspondence, training courses and other appropriate action.*
3. *To advise and assist Member Organizations in carrying out the purpose, principles and method of Scouting.*
4. *To recommend the admission of National Scout Organizations applying for membership, and to suspend provisionally the membership of a National Scout Organization.*
5. *To prepare the agenda and procedure of the meetings of the World Scout Conference, giving consideration to suggestions from Member Organizations, and appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the World Scout Conference.*
6. *To appoint the Secretary General of the World Organization, and to appoint his Deputy or Deputies, upon a recommendation of the Secretary General; to supervise the management of the World Scout Bureau.*

7. *To approve the annual budget and financial statements of the World Scout Bureau.*
8. *To accept the responsibility for the raising of additional funds.*
9. *To approve the constitutions or other laws governing Regional Scout Organizations.*
10. *To appoint the Treasurer.*
11. *To grant consultative status to such organizations as may be of assistance to the Scout Movement.*
12. *To decide upon granting of awards for services to the World Scout Movement.*
13. *To exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution and its By-Laws.*

## **5. World Scout Committee meetings**

In a non-World Scout Conference year, the WSC meets formally twice a year in Geneva, usually in March and September. A meeting usually lasts three full days (normally during a weekend + 1 day).

According to Article XV of the Constitution, *the WSC may establish, on a permanent or ad hoc basis, such subsidiary committees or other organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.* At present, there are two coordination groups and six sub-committees:

- Strategy Coordination Group
- Regional Support Coordination Group
- Audit Committee
- Budget Committee
- Constitutions Committee
- Educational Methods Committee
- Honours and Awards Committee
- Scouting's Profile Committee

The Coordination Groups usually meet the day before a WSC meeting. Sub-committee meetings may take place prior to WSC meetings or at other times.

In a World Scout Conference year, the WSC meets formally three times a year - normally (i.e. when the Conference is held in July/August) in Geneva in March and November, and at the time and place of the World Scout Conference.

The provisional agenda and related advance documentation are sent to all WSC members in advance of each meeting.

In addition, the Steering Committee (Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and Secretary General) meets when necessary but usually holds its meetings by conference telephone call.

The six Youth Advisors elected by the World Scout Youth Forum are also invited to attend WSC meetings.

In accordance with Resolution 10/2002, WSC members attending WSC and sub-committee meetings are entitled to request reimbursement of their expenses for travel and accommodation in keeping with specific regulations approved by the WSC.

## **6. World Scout Committee Officers**

By-Law II, Section 3 provides that:

*The World Scout Committee shall elect by ballot a Chairman and one or more Vice-Chairmen from among its twelve elected members. Their term of office shall be from Conference to Conference and shall cease at the end of each meeting of the Conference.*

For a number of years, it has been traditional for the WSC to elect two Vice-Chairmen.

While no specific duties of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen are enumerated in the Constitution, it has become customary to assign to them the following duties:

- The Chairman of the WSC normally chairs the WSC and Steering Committee meetings.
- The Chairman of the WSC approves the draft minutes of these meetings prior to approval by the full committee.
- The Chairman of the WSC appoints, with the approval of the WSC, the Chairmen of all sub-committees. The Chairman also appoints, on the recommendation of each sub-committee Chairman, the members of sub-committees which report direct to the WSC.

## **7. World Scout Bureau Inc.**

The World Scout Bureau Association (commonly known as World Scout Bureau Inc. or WSB Inc.) is the corporate legal entity that performs the legal responsibilities of WOSM, the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau. It approves the annual budget of WOSM and signs contracts on behalf of WOSM (including the employment of the Secretary General).

The members of WSB Inc. are the voting members of the WSC. WSB Inc. is administered by a Steering Committee composed of a maximum of seven persons, including the Chairman of the WSC, the two Vice-Chairmen and the Secretary General; up to three additional members of the Steering Committee may be elected from among the members of WSB Inc.

WSB Inc. meets at least once a year, usually in Geneva at the time of the WSC meeting in September.

## **8. World Scout Foundation (WSF)**

Meetings of the WSF Board and/or Executive Committee, which is an independent body from WOSM, are held several times a year in various parts of the world.

The Chairman of the WSC, one of its Vice-Chairmen and the Secretary General are ex-officio members of the WSF Board and/or Executive Committee.

## **9. WOSM/WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) Consultative Committee**

The aim of the Consultative Committee is to create and maintain a climate of mutual respect, understanding and cooperation between the two organizations and to provide a forum for the exchange of information about activities that can impact one on the other.

The Consultative Committee currently consists of four representatives of WOSM and of WAGGGS, including the Chairman of the WSC/WAGGGS World Board, the Chief Executives and two other members of the WSC/WAGGGS World Board.

The Consultative Committee meets at least once a year, alternating between London and Geneva.

## **10. World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum**

The location of the next World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum in 2014 will be decided at the World Scout Conference in Brazil in January 2011.

It is anticipated that the WSC Chairman will be named Chairman of the Conference and that the two Vice-Chairmen will have active roles to play. Other WSC members will also likely have special roles to fulfil.

## **11. World Scout Jamboree and World Scout Moot**

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will be in July-August 2011 in Sweden. The 14th World Scout Moot will be held in Canada in August 2013.

## **12. Regional Scout Conferences and other activities**

According to Article XIX of the Constitution, *"Regional Scout Organizations may be established in conformity with the requirements of this Constitution, comprising Members of the World Organization so desiring within a geographical area to be defined from time to time by the World Scout Committee. There shall be not more than one Regional Organization in each area."*

At present, there are six Regional Scout Organizations within WOSM: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe and Interamerica.

Each Region holds a Conference every three (3) years, plus several Regional Committee meetings annually and many regional activities. The next Regional Conferences will be held in 2012/2013.

## **13. Liaison with other Organizations having Consultative Status with the World Scout Committee (Art. XIII.11)**

A number of organizations have been granted Consultative Status by the WSC. These include: the Council of Protestants in Guiding and Scouting (CPGS), the International Link of Orthodox Christian Scouts (DESMOS), the International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS), the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF), the International Forum for Jewish Scouts (IFJS), the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS), the World Buddhist Scout Brotherhood (WBSB) and the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU).

Members of the WSC may be asked to serve in a liaison role with one of these organizations and attend their conferences and meetings. The specific function of the WSC member may vary from one organization to another, depending on the organization's own statutes.

**14. Liaison with KISC (Kandersteg International Scout Centre)**

A representative of the WSC is a member of the KISC Committee.

**15. Liaison with non-Scout Organizations**

Depending on the circumstances, members of the WSC may be appointed as liaison with non-Scout Organizations which maintain relationships with WOSM, such as UNESCO, Rotary International, etc.

**16. Special tasks**

Depending on the needs arising from the WSC's work.

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## **WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS SUGGESTED PROFILE**

**Approved by the World Scout Committee, September 1995**

**Revised: September 1998, April 2004, October 2004**

### **Ref.: Resolution 25/93**

According to Article XII.1 of the World Constitution, the members of the WSC *"...shall consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered as representing any particular member Organization or Region"*.

This means that the candidates for the World Scout Committee (WSC):

- must be registered as a member of WOSM
- must have a strong commitment to Scouting, coupled with understanding of, and exposure to World Scouting
- must be sensitive to, and experienced in cross-cultural relations
- be healthy and in condition to travel
- be available to travel to Geneva twice a year
- have or secure the means to travel to international Scout events or to any other country where his/her specific functions would require his/her presence
- accept a fairly extensive commitment of time, and be able to react by mail, email, fax or telephone to papers, reports and correspondence
- be able to communicate either in French or in English
- should understand and accept the Mission Statement, to be capable and willing to address with creativity and determination challenges facing World Scouting; to be able to motivate and inspire fellow WSC members, and other leaders in World Scouting, to constructive and positive action in carrying out the Mission
- must be motivated to act with other members of the WSC to serve, in a personal non-partisan capacity, the sole interests of WOSM in the fulfillment of its Mission and not for reasons of personal ambition or prestige
- should possess independent judgement; be sensitive to, and respect, the concerns and opinions of others; be resolute and non-partisan in making decisions, and tolerant in carrying them out; have the courage to recommend what is right, even if that choice may not be popular; be reliable in meeting responsibilities and deadlines; be ready to work with team spirit to build within the WSC conditions promoting unity and harmony among its members
- should have a high consciousness of the ethical and professional responsibilities that membership on the WSC implies towards WOSM and beyond it
- should be inspired at all times in their decisions and actions by the Principles of WOSM.

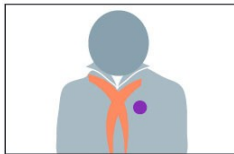
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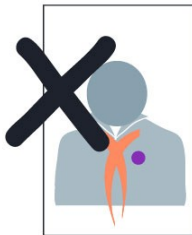
### NOMINATION

For election to the World Scout Committee, 2010

One form should be completed in respect of each nominee for election and returned to the World Scout Bureau **no later than 12 November 2010**, together with a **horizontal head and shoulders portrait in colour** of the nominee in electronic format, and with the **Form for Declaration** (Text of motivation).



Yes Landscape



NO vertical

- Recent Photograph in colour
- Dressed in the National Scout Uniform
- Landscape Portrait
- White Background
- Digital Format - **High quality** as **.JPG or .TIFF** file
- **(NO Power Point file)**
- **(NO Microsoft Word file)**

**In pursuance to Resolution 9/2002, candidates will be invited to present, in a plenary session on 11 January 2011, their personal motivations, priorities and objectives for their future contributions to the World Scout Committee, should they be elected.**

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONALITY: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER:  MALE  FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ MARITAL STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

THE NOMINEE IS A REGISTERED MEMBER OF WOSM WITHIN THE FOLLOWING SCOUT ASSOCIATION:

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COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATIONS:

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN:  ENGLISH  FRENCH

OTHER LANGUAGES: \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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PUBLIC OFFICES HELD:

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SUMMARY OF SCOUT SERVICE (appointments held, dates, etc. including service on World/Regional Committee or Task Forces and Attendance to International Scout Events):

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MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

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**We confirm** that the above nominee has agreed to stand for election to the World Scout Committee.

National Scout Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(President/Chief Commissioner/International Commissioner)*

Please send this form together with a **horizontal head and shoulders portrait in colour** of the nominee in electronic format, and with the **form for declaration** of the candidate, no later than **12 November 2010**.

Closing date for receipt of candidatures: **12 November 2010**.  
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