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**39th World Scout Conference/11th World Scout Youth Forum
Registration fees**

Dear colleagues,

You will recall that, in Circular 7/2010 issued in March 2010, we announced the registration fees for the 39th World Scout Conference and 11th World Scout Conference. That announcement contained details of a discounted registration fee for payments received by 10 November 2010, a way for our Brazilian friends from the Host Organization, União dos Escoteiros do Brasil (UEB), to stand by their commitment to do their best to reduce the registration fees in comparison to the 2008 events in Korea.

The World Scout Committee approved the registration fees for the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum, including the discounted fee, in September 2009. Since that time, the value of the Euro – the currency in which the registration fees have been denominated since the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference in Greece in 2002 Greece – has fallen substantially against many other currencies, including by some 25% against the Brazilian Real, resulting in the Euro currency crisis of which you are no doubt aware.

This fall in the value of the Euro has created significant budgetary problems for UEB, whose expenses are to be paid mainly in Brazilian Reals. The impact of this, and the inherent risks, have been considered carefully by the Host Organization, the World Scout Bureau and the World Scout Committee. On the proposal of UEB, the World Scout Committee has agreed that **the registrations fees for the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forums remain unchanged but the discounted fee for payments received by 10 November 2010 is cancelled.**

UEB and the World Scout Committee have taken this decision very reluctantly, recognising that NSOs are themselves under financial pressures in these difficult economic times and the discount would have represented – depending on the fee category of the NSO concerned – a potential saving of anything between 2.5% and 10% on the full fee. However, the choices were limited and this option seemed to be the "least bad" compared to other alternatives (such as increasing the full fees, or changing the currency in which the fees are denominated).

Cancelling the discount on the registration fee for the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum will not, by itself, solve all the budgetary challenges faced by UEB and the World Scout Bureau in connection with these events. The World Scout Committee will be reviewing

carefully the budget for the Forum and the Conference at its next meeting in September, to ensure that all budget lines are tightly controlled and any unnecessary expenditure is eliminated. The World Scout Committee and UEB count on your understanding of the need for this change in the fee structure for the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum.

Details of the fees for these events are included in the Conference and Youth Forum registration kits which are being sent to all National Scout Organizations concurrently.

Yours in Scouting,

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