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To : International Commissioners

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Policy on payment of registration fees - Provisional suspension of Membership

Dear Colleague,

1. At its meeting on 20 March 2010, the World Scout Committee carefully considered the situation of the **21** (twenty-one) Member Organizations which still had not paid their registration fees arrears for fiscal year 2008-2009.
2. Reviewing the situation and in accordance to the WOSM policy on payment of registration fees, the World Scout Committee could only conclude that:
 - in fairness to all NSOs which are paying regularly their fees (in sometimes very adverse internal conditions for several of them),
 - in fairness to other NSOs which have had arrears and to which the World Scout Committee has consistently applied the Policy on payment of registration fee since its adoption in 1996,

it had no alternative but to reconfirm the full application of the provisions of the Policy on payment of registration fees to these 25 Member Organizations.

At the time of writing this circular, we are pleased to note that this number significantly decreased, only leaving **4** (four) NSOs, namely **Bosnia-Herzegovina, Chile, Peru and Venezuela**, which are therefore provisionally suspended of membership with WOSM with **full** application of the sanctions as from **1 April 2010**.

We are in contact with the leaders of these NSOs and are actively looking together for a solution to help them clear their situation.

This suspension will be automatically revoked as soon as the payment of the totality of their respective arrears is received.

3. It is my duty to remind you that, as a consequence of provisional suspension with **full** application of the sanctions, Member Organizations concerned will lose the right:
 - to have youth members participate in world or regional events under the auspices of WOSM taking place more than 12 months after the date of suspension (1 April 2010) i.e. events taking place after 1 April 2011,
 - to attend seminars, workshops or any other activities organised under the auspices of WOSM in 2010,
 - to join any other WOSM body (committees, task forces, working groups, etc.) for which the principle of nomination/appointment is by co-option.

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

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

It is the sincere hope of all that those two Member Organizations concerned will very soon be reinstated in their full rights and obligations as full Members of WOSM.

Yours in Scouting,

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