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## **CIRCULAR N° 25/2003**

To: International Commissioners

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### **ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR 2003-2004**

Dear Colleague,

1. In accordance with Chapter VIII, Article XXII, § 1 of the WOSM Constitution and By-Laws, which states that "Each Member Organization shall pay an annual registration fee...", I am sending you enclosed our official invoice for the amount due by your Organization as its registration fee for the year commencing 1 October 2003, as well as, if applicable, the amount due by your Organization in registration fee arrears.

This fee has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of Resolution N° 4/2002 "WOSM fee system" adopted by the 36th World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece in July 2002.

The full text of this Resolution can be found in the document "36th World Scout Conference - Business Resolutions" attached to our circular N° 21/2002 mailed in August 2002.

A summary of the features of this system can be found in the Thessaloniki Conference Document N° 3 "Registration Fee System". It is also available from this Office upon request.

2. In accordance with the "Policy concerning payment of Registration fees" contained in our Circular N° 30/1996, Member Organizations who pay in full their registration fees within 60 days of invoice date, i.e. until **22 December 2004**, may claim a discount of 2%.

You may also decide to pay your registration fees in full and, provided your payment reaches us within the 60 day delay, ask the Bureau to credit the 2% discount to which you would be entitled to a provision account which will be used by the World Scout Committee to assist other National Scout Organizations which may face difficulties in the payment of their annual fees.

3. I have always stressed the necessity for prompt payment of the annual fee invoices, so that the World Scout Bureau can continue to serve the Movement as effectively as possible, as it has always endeavoured to do. *This plea is even more necessary for this fiscal year 2003-2004*, in view of the fact that the World Scout Foundation, severely affected by the situation of financial markets over the last three years, has reduced its annual grant to the WSB by CHF 500,000, i.e. a decrease of 25% over the grant received on the previous fiscal year.

We have correspondingly reduced our budget, and the Geneva Office has taken the major part of this reduction on its shoulders, maintaining nearly at last year's level the budget allocation to be provided to Regional Offices. *It goes without saying that this very tight situation requires full co-operation of NSOs in the payment of their fees.*

Yours sincerely,

Jacques Moreillon  
Secretary General

**Enclosure:** A/S