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To: International Commissioners

Dear Colleagues,

MEETING OF WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE, WORLD SCOUT BUREAU, GENEVA, 12-13 OCTOBER 2002

The first regular meeting of the new World Scout Committee was held at the World Scout Bureau in Geneva on 12-13 October 2002. All 12 elected members of the Committee attended, as well as the Secretary General and the new WOSM Treasurer Arnaud Girardin (who succeeds Jean-Bernard Crelier, who resigned for professional reasons shortly after the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki). In addition five Regional Chairmen were present, as well as World Scout Bureau staff concerned.

Guests attending part of the meeting included: H.E. Suwit Khunkitti, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, leading a delegation in connection with the 20th World Scout Jamboree; a representative of Soma Hellinon Proskopon (Greece), hosts of the 36th World Scout Conference/8th World Scout Youth Forum; and a representative of The Scout Association (U.K.) collaborating with WOSM on 2007 Centenary including the 21st World Scout Jamboree.

A summary of the main agenda items and decisions taken is given below.

OPENING

The new Chairman of the World Scout Committee encouraged committee members to work together in a spirit of friendship, solidarity and unity. She highlighted the key challenges of the new triennium as: implementing the strategy for Scouting adopted in Thessaloniki; recognising the priorities in the Regions and working to achieve closer cohesion; and finding new working methods for the World Committee and its subsidiary bodies, characterised by transparency and efficiency, and aimed at strengthening the Committee's capacity to support NSOs in the implementation of the strategy.

During this introductory session, the Secretary General reminded the Committee that his normal retirement date is 30 November 2004, and confirmed his intention to retire on that date. The process for recruiting a new Secretary General, which will be managed by the World Committee, will begin in 2003.

STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING

The Committee decided to set up three "workstreams" to lead the implementation of the three top strategic priorities decided by the Thessaloniki Conference: Youth Involvement; Volunteers in Scouting; and Scouting's Profile. These workstreams are composed of members of the World Committee, each led by a "sponsor". Each workstream will define the specific tasks that need to be accomplished and identify the working methods required within the workstream (for example, the creation of a task force, network, etc., working mainly by electronic means). The workstreams held their first meeting during the weekend. (This structure, and the terminologies used,

are based on the recommendations of the McKinsey study carried out last year.) Consequently, the former volunteer structure composed of Educational Methods Group and Finance & Support Group, with related sub-committees, has been abolished.

The Steering Committee of the World Committee (made up of the Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and Secretary General) will oversee the implementation of the strategy as a whole, act as a resource for the workstreams and manage the residual work on the strategic priorities that were not selected as a primary focus for this triennium: Adolescents; Girls and Boys, Women and Men; Reaching Out; and An Organization for the 21st Century.

The structure of the World Scout Bureau will also be realigned to support the implementation of the strategy and to follow up on the McKinsey report recommendations accepted by the World Scout Committee in March 2002. In this context, the Committee decided that all three direct subordinates of the Secretary General (who collegially constitute the Management Team) should be similarly designated. Jean Cassaigneau was therefore designated Deputy Secretary General, a position already held by Malek Gabr and Luc Panissod.

INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

The Committee appointed or re-appointed chairmen of various institutional sub-committees: John Beresford (Constitutions), E.F. (Bud) Reid (Honours & Awards), Herman Hui (Budget) and Neil Westaway (Audit) and approved the WOSM representatives on the WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee. Various other World Committee liaison roles, with organizations holding consultative status with WOSM and for future World Events, were also designated.

Concerning financial matters, the provisional end-of-year (30 September) accounts of the Geneva Office were presented; the situation of registration fee arrears was reviewed and related decisions made (see Circular No. 26/2002); and a provisional budget for 2002-2003 was approved. (The final budget will be approved following a meeting of the Board of the World Scout Foundation in late October, at which the Foundation's annual grant to WOSM will be determined.)

Reports were received on the recent World Scout Conference in Greece, as well as on forthcoming World Events: the 20th World Scout Jamboree, the 12th World Scout Moot, the 4th General Assembly of the World Scout Parliamentary Union and plans for the Centenary of World Scouting in 2007. Further details of all future events will be shared with National Scout Organizations in due course.

OTHER ITEMS

The World Committee considered at length the composition of the Evaluation Group set up to evaluate the performance of the Secretary General, the effectiveness of the Management Team system, and the governance of WOSM by the World Committee. Details are contained in Circular No. 25/2002.

The Committee also received presentations on a possible new World Scout Centre and on a new visual identity for WOSM. Details of these will also be circulated in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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