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To: International Commissioners
National Programme Commissioners

Dear colleagues,

INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR THE CULTURE OF PEACE 2000

The 35th World Scout Conference, Durban, July 1999, adopted Resolution 18/99 on the International Year for the Culture of Peace (IYCP) 2000. This resolution (see text attached) invited National Scout Organizations (NSOs) to join in the programmes and activities for the Year and recommended to the World Scout Committee to support NSOs in this field.

1. Following this resolution, WOSM signed a partnership agreement with UNESCO, which is the UN Agency coordinating this International Year. This agreement involves the following areas:
 - **Promotion of the Manifesto 2000 for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence**, an appeal for individual commitment that was drafted by a group of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates: the aim, with the help of all identified partners, is to collect 100 million signatures by the end of the Year;
 - **Identification of flagships events**: each partner is asked to identify an event contributing to the general public awareness campaign as an official contribution to the IYCP and for which the official logo of the IYCP will be used;
 - **Identification of local projects**: those who sign the Manifesto are urged to make a concrete contribution by joining existing local actions already underway in the different areas of a Culture of Peace; each partner is invited to contribute by "feeding" the existing international database of local projects for a Culture of Peace with such local actions;
 - **Contribution to the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence (2001-2010)**: each partner is asked to begin considering how their contribution to the IYCP can be extended and further developed as part of the Decade proclaimed by the United Nations for 2001-2010.

2. In the context of this agreement, the 11th World Scout Moot in Mexico, which took place last July, was declared as an international flagship events for the IYCP. Special activities were run during this event particularly in the Global Development Village to promote the Culture of Peace and particularly the Manifesto 2000. On this occasion we collected more than 1,000 signatures.
3. Further, the World Scout Bureau is now developing an educational kit designed to promote the Culture of Peace and stimulate Scout initiatives in this area. The kit will be available early next year.
4. At Regional level, several initiatives have also been taken including, among others, the Peace Cruise in the Mediterranean jointly organized by the European and Arab Regions and the 4th Africa Scout Jamboree placed under the motto of Peace and Reconciliation. I know also that at National level, numerous projects have been carried out during the Year.
5. As we approach the end of the Year, I would like to invite National Scout Organizations to intensify their efforts in this campaign, particularly in promoting the Manifesto 2000 and in reporting on local projects undertaken by them through the IYCP technical site (see point 6 below).

You will find attached as an appendix detailed documentation on the International Year for the Culture of Peace published by UNESCO.

For those of you who have access to the World Wide Web, I invite you to visit the UNESCO IYCP site at <http://www3.unesco.org/iycp/> where you will find more information that can also be downloaded.

6. To add more signatures to the Manifesto 2000 and report on projects, you can register your National Scout Organization as a sub-partner of WOSM through the technical site of the IYCP at <http://www3.unesco.org/iycptec/>. To create your own site as part of the WOSM pages, click on "create your own internet account" at the bottom of the home page of the technical site and write in the box the access code which has been assigned to WOSM: NGO/INT/003 And then you can insert the information concerning your National Scout Organization. The system will generate an access number to your own account that you should use to access your account later on.

I am confident that your efforts to promote the Culture of Peace will not stop with the end of the International Year, as helping to build a better world through the education of young people is at the heart of our Mission.

Sincerely yours,



Jacques Moreillon
Secretary General

Encl.: World Scout Conference Resolution 18/99
Kit UNESCO-IYCP

Annex to Circular No. 25/2000

35TH WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE 1999
RESOLUTION 18/99: INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE

The Conference

- noting that the General Assembly of the United Nations has proclaimed the year 2000 as the International Year for a Culture of Peace and entrusted UNESCO with the co-ordination of the Year
- noting that WOSM and UNESCO share the same vision of the contribution education makes to establishing lasting peace
- commending the co-operation established many years ago between WOSM and UNESCO
- recalling the many resolutions previously adopted by the World Scout Conference on the subject of education for peace
- welcoming the initiatives taken by many National Scout Organizations to contribute to the advent of a Culture of Peace through education
- invites National Scout Organizations to join in the programmes and activities organised under the aegis of UNESCO for the International Year for a Culture of Peace, and to take advantage of the Year to launch, at national level, new initiatives to promote the Culture of Peace, in particular by developing and implementing educational Scout programmes with this objective
- recommends to the World Scout Committee to encourage and support action by National Scout Organizations in this field by all appropriate means.

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