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To: International Commissioners

Re: New Director of the World Scout Foundation

Dear colleagues,

Please find enclosed an announcement of the World Scout Foundation concerning its new Director.

Sincerely yours,

Jacques Moreillon
Secretary General

Enclosure

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WORLD SCOUT FOUNDATION
FONDATION DU SCOUTISME MONDIAL

Honorary President: H.M. The King of Sweden

New Director for the World Scout Foundation

The Honorary President, His Majesty The King of Sweden, the Chairman and the Board of the World Scout Foundation, are pleased to announce that Mr. John Geoghegan has been appointed as Director of the Foundation.

He will take over the helm of the Foundation on 1st September 2001, with the objective of providing a greater dividend for Scouting around the world through the renewed fundraising efforts of our Foundation.

John started in Scouting in Dublin, Ireland, first as a Scout, then as leader of the 73rd Dublin Unit. He trained with the Irish National Training team, becoming a leader trainer by the age of 24 and, in 1980, joined Scouting Ireland as a Scout professional with the responsibility for programme development. In 1985 he became National Training Officer for the Scout Association of Ireland and, in addition, dedicated much of this time to working with the Venture Scout section.

In 1987, John joined the British Red Cross as Youth Officer, taking with him his Scout leadership and training skills. In 1990, he became Head of the Youth Department of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and, in 1995, Deputy Director of its European Department. In 1998, he was appointed Head of Red Cross operations in Vietnam, battling against natural disasters such as storms and floods, addressing issues of disability, HIV/AIDS and community development, as well as helping one of the world's few remaining communist countries to adapt to a changing world.

John is proud, and quite rightly so, of his achievements whilst with the Red Cross, but his heart is very much in Scouting. Faced with the challenge of taking over the administration of the Foundation from Doreen Taillens and supporting the Foundation team led by His Majesty The King of Sweden and Chairman Suk Won Kim, he leapt at the opportunity.

The core team of the Foundation is its Board of volunteers from around the globe; each dedicated to supporting the Foundation's work using their professional skills in finance, fundraising, events organisation or relationships management. John's main role will be to support this team of highly skilled experts to excel, for the benefit of Scouting, where it really counts - at local level.

John will be an asset to the Foundation team; his strengths stem from his background in Scouting in Ireland, together with his experience in Red Cross work around the world, two Masters Degrees (one in Training and Development and a second in International Management), sound results in Fundraising, and an excellent command of the French language. Given the importance of the challenge of the job, he has already participated in key meetings and briefings.

We are happy to welcome John Geoghegan back into the Scout family and look forward to introducing him to the leadership of World Scouting and the volunteer members.

Geneva, 20th August 2001