

40th WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

1/14 REGISTRATION OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

The Conference

- records with pleasure the admission of the following members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement
 - Effective 1 May 2013*
 - the South Sudan Scout Association
 - Effective 16 February 2014*
 - the Association des Guides et Scouts de Monaco

2/14 SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The Conference

- accepts that Beselidhja Skaut Albania be given three months, to 15 November 2014, to confirm in a democratic manner the representativity of its leadership, to settle other issues and to fulfil its obligations as a Member of WOSM, under the supervision of the European Scout Committee
- decides that if, at the end of that period, such problems have not been settled to the satisfaction of the World Scout Committee, Beselidhja Skaut Albania be expelled from the World Organization.

3/14 POTENTIAL MEMBERS OF WOSM

The Conference

- welcomes and endorses the World Scout Committee's decision taken at its meeting in Slovenia on 10 August 2014 regarding the acceptance of applications for full WOSM membership
- congratulates the Membership Task Force for their thorough study and transparent communications with Regional Scout Committees and National Scout Organizations during the last triennium
- encourages the elected World Scout Committee to continue the work aimed at a fair and coherent membership system.

4/14 EXCLUSIVE DEDICATION OF WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Conference

- considering Article XIII, point 1 of the WOSM Constitution: “The World Scout Committee is the executive organ of the World Organization. Its members shall consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered, as representing any particular Member Organization or Region.”
- seeking a pro-active approach to and continuous management of possible conflict of interest
- aiming to stress the overall spirit of service of World Scout Committee members towards all National Scout Organizations of WOSM on equal terms
- requests the World Scout Committee, in order to continuously uphold Article XIII, 1 of the WOSM Constitution, to develop "standing orders" (documented procedures) regarding conflict of interest; and to adopt and implement these "standing orders" as soon as possible
- proposes that this Resolution shall take effect upon the election of the World Scout Committee from the 2017-2020 triennium onwards.

5/14 SPIRITUALITY IN SCOUTING

The Conference

- mindful of the process of globalisation which is bringing people of different cultures and religions ever closer to each other
- acknowledging the work done during the past decade to promote the interreligious and spiritual dialogue within Scouting
- committed to the fundamental principles of the Scout Movement as set out by the Founder and as expressed in the Constitution of WOSM
- considers that young people in a globalised world should be equipped with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to help them to recognise the significance of spirituality in their lives and to respect the spirituality of others
- finds that Scouting, as a global Movement, is based on a vision where every human person has a need for the development of their spiritual dimension in life and recognises that Scouting is in a good position to address this need
- expresses its view that spirituality, practiced through learning by doing, is and remains highly relevant as an element of the educational Method of Scouting.

6/14 STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING

The Conference

- considering the outcomes of the evaluation of the Strategy for Scouting carried out by Our Strategic Path Priority Area Working Group in response to Resolution 6/2011 in Brazil, and in particular
- commending the Working Group on the developed research and proposals
- reiterating the fact that too many different components have been added to the Strategy for Scouting since its adoption in 2002, complicating a clear focus for the Movement and the Organization
- noting the inadequate monitoring and evaluation of the current Strategy for Scouting
- recognizing that the current Vision Statement and 7 Strategic Priorities approved in 2002 included a horizon of 2007 (“We see Scouting entering its second century...”)
- approves the proposed strategic framework for WOSM, as outlined in Conference Document 6, as the new Strategy for Scouting including a renewed Vision Statement for 2023 and its 6 Strategic Priorities
- requests the World Scout Committee
 - to ensure that the World and Regional Triennial Plans, up to the World Scout Conference of 2023, will be aligned with the new Strategy for Scouting, but doing so with a participative approach that is flexible in addressing different needs and realities around the world
 - to use the objectives per strategic priority as outlined in Conference Document 6, as well as the outcomes of this Conference, as a guideline and inspiration for further operational implementation of the strategic framework
- requests the World Scout Bureau
 - to develop clear key performance indicators for WOSM’s new strategic framework, ensuring adequate and consistent progress reporting to the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Conference
 - to update existing and where relevant create new WOSM resources for National Scout Organizations to incorporate the new Strategy for Scouting
- strongly encourages National Scout Organizations to incorporate the Strategy for Scouting into their own national strategy, taking different local realities and cultures into account.

7/14 WORLD TRIENNIAL PLAN 2014-2017

The Conference

- welcoming the World Scout Committee’s initiative to develop a World Triennial Plan proposal for consideration by the Conference, based on a situational analysis of World Scouting and aligned with the new Strategy for Scouting
- considering the outcomes of the discussions between National Scout Organizations on the World Triennial Plan 2014-2017 during the related session at this Conference
- approves the proposed World Triennial Plan 2014-2017 as the overall strategic guidelines for the work to be carried out during the next Triennium
- *NOTE: VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE TRIENNIAL PLAN WERE ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE AS SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THIS RESOLUTION. THESE ARE RECORDED SEPARATELY*
- requests the World Scout Committee
 - to incorporate the outcomes of this World Scout Conference into a final version of the Triennial Plan and its subsequent translation into yearly operational plans
 - to share this final version with all National Scout Organizations no later than 1 January 2015
 - to share regular progress updates with National Scout Organizations
 - to develop the World Triennial Plan 2017-2020 using a similar approach, incorporating lessons learned during this process.

8/14 WORLD SCOUT YOUTH PROGRAMME POLICY

The Conference

- recognizing that the Youth Programme is the main educational means of achieving the purpose of Scouting and is the key to attracting and retaining members
- affirming the need for a new Youth Programme Policy according to the information contained in the Conference Document 8
- adopts the policy text contained in Conference Document 8 as the World Scout Youth Programme Policy
- strongly urges National Scout Organizations to take the necessary steps to reflect this Policy in their own policies and procedures and to dedicate adequate resources to the development and delivery of their Youth Programme
- requests the World Scout Committee to take all necessary steps to continue to provide support to National Scout Organizations in this area, and to take any necessary action to modify other work area policies and practices at world and regional levels to reflect the World Scout Youth Programme Policy
- urges the World Scout Committee to put in place a process, informed by the results of the World Scout Youth Programme Policy review process, to reconsider the way in which the Scout Method related educational matters are expressed, and take all educational and constitutional action needed
- strongly requests the Regions to organise educational fora to create a common understanding within WOSM regarding Youth Programme and related educational matters.

9/14 WORLD SCOUT YOUTH INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The Conference

- recognising the value of involving and including young people in decision-making for achieving the purpose of Scouting
- considering that Scouting is a Movement of young people, supported by adults, with whom healthy partnerships are established
- noting the findings and conclusions of the Assessment Report of the World Scout Youth Forum and Youth Advisors System, which concludes that more work needs to be done
- being aware of the individual and organisational benefits of having young people actively involved at all levels both within the Movement and in the society
- believing in the active role that young people can play in creating positive change, inside and outside Scouting
- recognising the importance of providing opportunities for young members to experience leadership roles and develop 21st Century skills
- adopts the policy text contained in Conference Document 9 as the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy
- strongly urges National Scout Organizations to implement the policy at all levels within their own organisations by putting a supporting framework in place
- requests the World Scout Committee to consider all means by which the policy may be implemented within the World Organization at regional and world levels, including an ongoing review process.

10/14 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN THE YOUTH PROGRAMME

The Conference

- recalling Resolution 4/11 of the 39th World Scout Conference, “Be Prepared: Leadership for Life”
- noting the outcomes achieved in the area of the 21st Century Leadership as part of the WOSM Triennial Plan 2011-2014, as outlined in Conference Document 10
- noting the strategic priority on Social Impact proposed as part of the new Strategy for Scouting and the related actions proposed within the framework of the WOSM Triennial Plan 2014-2017
- welcoming the introduction of the new World Scout Youth Programme Policy, which highlights Scouting’s contribution to developing leadership and promoting active citizenship in young people
- re-affirming the importance of Scouting providing young people with challenging opportunities to develop their leadership capacities
- endorses the World Scout Committee’s Concept Paper on Leadership in Scouting, as contained in Conference Document 10
- requests the World Scout Committee to carry out the actions relating to leadership proposed as part of the WOSM Triennial Plan 2014-2017 under the heading of Social Impact
- requests National Scout Organizations to continuously review their Youth Programmes so as to ensure that they provide young people with challenging opportunities for leadership and personal development within and outside Scouting.

11/14 GLOBAL SUPPORT

The Conference

- recognising the work carried out by the Global Support Priority Area Working Group responding to Resolution 5/11, in particular:
 - the development of an integrated consultancy approach – the “Global Support System” – amongst the Regions and World level, ensuring easy access towards all resources available within and outside the Movement
 - the development of a global tool for assessing and supporting good governance and quality Scouting in National Scout Organizations (the “Global Support Assessment Tool”)
- commending all National Scout Organizations which took part in the testing phase of this tool
- noting with pleasure that more than 200 Scout experts from around the world joined the ranks of the Global Support Consultant Network this triennium, as well as 29 National Scout Organizations so far taking part in the development and testing of the Global Support Assessment Tool
- recognizing that although substantial progress has been made this triennium, a sustained focus will be required to achieve a truly integrated Global Support System within WOSM
- strongly recommends the World Scout Committee
 - to further develop the integrated Global Support System for National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and National Scout Associations (NSAs) by:
 - building on a consultancy approach through innovative methods on Regional and World level
 - promoting the exchange of information related to projects within NSOs and NSAs through an online portal on scout.org for the Global Support System
 - developing tools to train the Global Support Priority Area Working Group and Consultancy Pool
 - to promote the use of the Global Support Assessment Tool as the primary tool on Regional and World level to support development in NSOs and NSAs
 - to ensure Regional Offices are equipped in order to provide adequate assistance based on the results of the assessments provided by the Global Support Assessment Tool.

12/14 SCOUTING AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Conference

- recalling the difficulties that emerged at the last World Scout Conference on the topic of Scouting’s approach to human rights and non-discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, which led the World Scout Committee to set up a Human Rights Task Force in this triennium
- recognising Scouting's acceptance of human rights as expressed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and reaffirmed in subsequent UN conventions, treaties, covenants, declarations and resolutions, and in international law, which make clear that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms stated in the Declaration without

- distinction of any kind and that States have a duty to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems
- recalling World Scout Conference Resolutions 19/77 and 8/88 and the Declaration from the World Scout Committee to the 39th World Scout Conference (2011) titled "World Organization of the Scout Movement and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Reaching Out, Creating a Better World", which together with this resolution represent WOSM's policy statements on human rights
- affirming that Human Rights Education is a key to changing attitudes and behaviour and to promoting respect for diversity in societies
- reaffirms that Scouting, as a Movement based on its principles of Duty to God, Duty to others and Duty to self expressed in the Scout Promise and Law, does not discriminate on any grounds of human rights
- reaffirms that WOSM has a responsibility to promote Human Rights Education among children and young people as part of its Mission
- endorses the World Scout Committee's stated objective to do its best to ensure that all members in Scouting enjoy all rights and freedoms stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, without distinction of any kind
- endorses the World Scout Committee's report on progress on achieving its undertaking made to the 39th World Scout Conference to:
 - include work on Human Rights Education as a part of its guidelines on the Scout programme for all age groups
 - collect and distribute best practices from National Scout Organizations, providing inspiration and help in creating strategies for National Scout Organizations to focus work on diversity, civil and human rights, and reaching out to different segments in society in a national or local perspective
 - provide National Scout Organizations with ongoing support in working with diversity, civil and human rights and reaching out to different segments in society
- adopts the principle that WOSM and National Scout Organizations respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; make sure they are not complicit in human rights abuses; and develop their own strategies and identify challenges that need to be addressed regarding human rights based on the Mission of Scouting and taking account of current legal, cultural and religious contexts.

13/14 PEACE EDUCATION IN SCOUTING

The Conference

- reaffirming the importance of Resolutions 14/24, 15/37, 7/88 and 13/96 adopted by the several World Scout Conferences
- requests the World Scout Committee to facilitate the development within all levels of the World Organization of the importance of peace education in the Educational Proposal of Scouting and, if necessary, include it in further event agendas
- encourages National Scout Organizations to play an active role in peace education, in promoting peace education in practical activities in local groups.

14/14 ADVOCATING FOR A BETTER WORLD

The Conference

- recalling that our Mission includes duty to others and that Baden-Powell's message was to "leave the world a little better than you found it"
- acknowledging that WOSM, as an accredited observer organisation to the UN, is entitled to participate with delegations at different international conferences and that the World Organization has for several years been participating in the UN Climate negotiations as a voice of the current and future generations
- reaffirming World Scout Conference Resolutions 10/11 and 16/11
- mindful that, as the largest youth movement, we afford more than 40 million young people a voice, communicating Scouting's message about global challenges and intergenerational justice
- recalling that WOSM is already an active member of the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO) and YOUNGO, the official youth constituency at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- recalling that the Scout Movement is a non-political movement we recognise that Scouting has a role representing the youth of the world and is encouraged to articulate Scouting's viewpoint on such global issues
- understanding that young people represent Scouting at all levels of the organisation and in so doing are empowered to become active citizens whose actions may lead to positive change

- recognising that Scouting’s empowerment of young people together with the opportunities afforded the youth in Scouting to be representatives on an international stage can create and foster the environment to develop and educate the leaders of tomorrow
- reaffirms the commitment of Scouting to advocate for a better world for young people and future generations
- acknowledges the need for international institutions and external stakeholders to understand the work and role of Scouting as an educational organisation
- encourages the World Scout Committee:
 - to enhance the cooperation between the World Scout Committee/World Scout Bureau, World Scout Foundation and the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) to implement the advocacy related objectives in the World Triennial Plan
 - to further develop programmes for the involvement of young people and volunteers in advocacy roles
 - to allocate the necessary human and financial resources for a successful coordination of advocacy actions
- entrusts the World Scout Committee to consider the different needs of Scouting’s National Scout Organizations and youth in undertaking advocacy actions and participating in external organisations’ conferences and events as members of official Scouting delegations, including:
 - preparing clear and effective strategies including outlining processes for fair, open and transparent recruitment to delegations
 - developing and coordinating training programmes to ensure basic level of knowledge on the topics of international negotiations, the character of a delegation and understandings required in representing a global and diverse youth movement
 - considering an alternative funding model so as to be inclusive of Scouts and National Scout Organizations from a diverse range of socio-economic backgrounds so that they may take part in such delegations
 - facilitating a knowledge transfer between delegations.

15/14 EXPANSION OF SCOUTING

The Conference

- acknowledging that the World Scout Movement has a big potential to support the efforts of the National Scout Organizations in increasing membership as well as the Scout Regions in expanding to the countries not yet represented in the WOSM
- stating that WOSM is a reliable partner of the UN (including UNDP, UNICEF and other UN programmes) and maintains partnerships with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, WWF and other world organizations cherishing similar values
- supporting and inspiring initiatives of the Scout Regions and the National Scout Organizations to develop partnerships with the regional and local structures of the UN and other international partner organizations
- reaffirming the importance of the Resolutions 7/63, 3/99, 11/08 and 5/11 adopted by the several World Scout Conferences
- urges the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau to extend managerial support to the expansion initiatives of the Scout Regions, using and multiplying Global Support activities
- calls on the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau to practice the partnership with the UN and with other international organizations and to ensure wider representation of the World Scout Movement on large and/or important national, regional and international events (particularly those organized in the countries where Scouting is not well established), thus promoting and strengthening the Scout image
- encourages Regional Scout Committees to incorporate expansion policies and initiatives in their action plans
- encourages National Scout Organizations to take advantage of the WOSM partnership agreements with the UN and other international organizations for the benefit of expansion.

16/14 GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP WITH UNICEF ON U-REPORT MOBILE TECHNOLOGY AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The Conference

- acknowledging that the World Scout Movement has a big potential to support the efforts of National Scout Organizations in developing innovative tools that contribute to achieving strategic priorities of World Scouting (including Youth Engagement, Educational Methods, Diversity and Inclusion, Social Impact, Communication & Relations)
- stating that WOSM is a reliable partner of the United Nations
- affirming that the purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities
- supports and inspires initiatives of the National Scout Organizations to develop partnerships and innovations that help in achieving the vision of Scouting as a leading education youth movement enabling young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities
- endorses the use of U-report as a tool used by WOSM in achieving its strategic priorities and initiatives
- requests the World Scout Committee to enter into a partnership agreement with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) on U-report and Youth Engagement and the World Scout Bureau to actively promote the partnership through the Scouting structures at world, regional and national levels
- encourages National Scout Organizations to take advantage of the WOSM partnership with UNICEF on U-report and Youth Engagement for the benefit of Scouting.

17/14 VISA PROCEDURES AND WORLD SCOUT EVENTS

The Conference

- noting the absence of a large number of National Scout Organization members of WOSM from various scheduled World Scout Events (World Scout Conference and Youth Forum, World Scout Jamboree, World Scout Moot, etc)
- being aware that many National Scout Organizations are required to complete visa procedures and often have difficulty obtaining visas for the duration of the event
- emphasizing the fundamental need and importance of all National Scout Organizations being present to provide greater representation in decision-making on the future of our organization as set out in Vision 2023
- recalling that the strategic priority on “Diversity and Inclusion” recommends that it is indispensable for us to reflect the multicultural nature of our organization
- noting that Resolution 23/90 on attendance at World Scout Events is much too restrictive and vague with regard to the duties of WOSM and the Organization hosting the event to facilitate the attendance of all National Scout Organizations
- requests the World Scout Committee:
 - to investigate to what extent National Scout Organizations bidding to host World Scout Events have taken the necessary steps to facilitate entry for National Scout Organization delegations
 - to examine carefully the extent to which National Scout Organizations bidding to host World Scout Events have attempted to simplify visa application procedures in their country insofar as local regulations permit
 - to help and support National Scout Organization members of WOSM wishing to attend World Scout Events in the various stages of visa application.

18/14 NATIONAL SCOUT IDENTITY BRAND (NSIB) - EXEMPTION FROM COMMERCIAL LICENCING

The Conference

- recalling that, in Resolution 5/69, the WOSM Emblem was accepted and held in trust as a collective mark for Scouting in the world
- believing this proposed Conference Resolution does not contest the 1969 Resolution nor the commercial and non-commercial licences and royalties relating to the usage thereof
- referring to Circular No 28/2014: Strengthening the World Scout Brand
- appreciating that the World Scout Committee has simplified the usage of the NSIB
- bearing in mind that, as the largest youth movement in the world, WOSM has a very potent global brand and that it is the duty of the World Scout Bureau to defend its brand integrity
- remembering also that it is our common duty as members to protect and promote the very values defended by that brand taking into account local socio–economic circumstances
- furthermore encouraging the members of the Scout Movement to adopt a global brand identity and encourage the growth and sustainability of National Scout Organizations to achieve WOSM’s objectives for 2023
- recalling that in 2008 "SCOUTS South Africa" and a number of other National Scout Organizations adopted the NSIB with the purpose of promoting Scouting in their own countries and adopting the global vision and brand
- noting that developing materials to be used and worn with a NSIB promotes unity and incites pride amongst the Scouting members of a country and places the brand in the public eye which enhances membership growth, donors and the sustainability of the National Scout Organization
- emphasising the need to consider the different economic realities of the youth membership of the full range of National Scout Organizations, particularly those living in extreme poverty and/or in rural areas with no access to affordable educational activities besides Scouting
- recognising that many National Scout Organizations are predominantly dependent on donor funding
- requests the World Scout Committee to consider the license terms related to exemption of National Scout Organizations carrying the NSIB from the current commercial licencing for the usage thereof, to be in place by 31 March 2015.