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World Scout Movement strengthens partnership with United Nations Millennium Campaign at 10th anniversary celebration of the Scouts of the World Award

14 August 2014, Ljubljana, Slovenia. The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) today reaffirmed its commitment to the United Nations Millennium Campaign.

The announcement was made at a high level event, held during the 40th World Scout Conference, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Scouts of the World Award.

The reception was attended by several of WOSM's global partners, including the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the World Alliance of YMCAs and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

Scott Teare, Secretary General of WOSM, said: "Day in and day out, millions of young Scouts in our 162 National Scout Organizations are fully engaged in community service projects to help create a better world. Scouting enables youth across boundaries and cultures to become active citizens in their communities."

The United Nations Millennium Campaign was established by the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in 2002 to support citizen participation in the Millennium Development Goals to be achieved by 2015.

Corinne Woods, Director of the United Nations Millennium Campaign, said: "*Since 2002, we have worked with UN partners and key global constituencies, such as civil society, parliamentarians, faith groups and youth to inspire people from around the world to take action for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. The actions undertaken by young Scouts worldwide to support the Millennium Campaign have been invaluable to us, but more importantly to the people and communities who need them most.*"

The Scouts of the World Award is the only award for youth granted by WOSM. The Award challenges all young people, Scouts and non-Scouts, to reflect on global issues and act upon them at local level. It focuses on three fields of action: Development, Peace and the Environment.

WOSM is also actively engaged in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, in particular by promoting the "My World" Campaign, the United Nations global survey for a better world.

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About Scouting

Scouting, founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell in 1907, is a grassroots level educational youth movement engaging young people from all over the world. World Scouting today is a confederation of 162 National Scout Organizations in a network of over 40 million members. Some 7 million volunteer adults support local activities. Each of the 1 million local Scout Groups follows a similar system of non-formal education suited to the unique aspects of their local community. The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is an independent, worldwide, non-profit and non-partisan organisation, which serves the Scout Movement. Its purpose is to promote unity and the understanding of Scouting's purpose and principles, while facilitating its expansion and development. The organs of the World Organization are the World Scout Conference, the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau.