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To: Leaders of all National Scout
Organizations

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Letter from the Chairman of the World Scout Committee

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you herewith a new letter from the Chairman of the World Scout Committee, William F. (Rick) Cronk.

Yours sincerely,

Luc Panissod
Acting Secretary General

To: Leaders of all National Scout Organizations, Members of the World Scout Committee, Members of Regional Committees and Youth Advisors
Cc: Staff of World Scout Bureau
Re: A letter from WSC Chairman

Date: November 26, 2008

Dear Fellow Scouts,

The World Scout Committee (WSC) held its first full meeting in Geneva on the 7th, 8th and 9th of November. You will receive soon a summary of the business discussed at that meeting, but I want to give you now my own update on highlights of our meeting.

We had a very heavy agenda, as you may imagine. But we were able to deal with it thanks to a spirit of cooperation and goodwill among all WSC members, including the Regional Chairmen, and the Youth Advisors who were present. While a lot of our time was spent discussing the most effective ways of getting the job done in the short period up to the next World Conference (it is in fact only a little over two years, not the usual three, before we meet again in Brazil in January 2010), we did also concentrate on how we can achieve significant results in that time.

In summary, the World Committee:

- agreed on the key challenges facing the World Organization and National Scout Organizations and accepted my "model" of the "upside-down triangle" as a good prototype of how we should view our responsibilities, as the World Scout Committee, in support of your work in the NSOs of providing better Scouting to more young people;
- appointed new subcommittee and task force chairmen and members, many of them World Committee members, to spearhead our work in areas such as providing support to the Regions, educational methods, Scouting's profile and governance, among others;
- will work on the recruitment of new Regional Directors in the Regions where vacancies exist, and on the selection of the Secretary General. We will also begin the process of reviewing the location of the World Scout Bureau offices;
- approved a Triennial Plan (which will be sent to you soon) which includes how we will tackle the priority needs of the World Organization and the resolutions of the last World Conference;
- approved a tentative budget for this financial year, pending some more work that I and the Committee will undertake, with the Acting Secretary General and the Bureau staff, to find additional sources of funds to cover specific costs.

The whole World Scout Committee is committed to working hard during this period to ensure that WOSM's "raison d'être" – supporting National Scout Organizations in their efforts to provide high quality Scout programs to their young people – is achieved. Please do not hesitate to communicate your ideas to us, as we set out on this adventure together.

Yours in Scouting,

William F. (Rick) Cronk
Chairman, World Scout Committee