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To: International Commissioners

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**The Ten Year Review of the United Nations
World Programme of Action for Youth *
(WPAY)**



Dear Colleagues,

During the sixtieth session of the UN General Assembly this October 2005, the United Nations plans to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY) and review its implementation.

The World Programme of Action for Youth should be the framework for each State Government to adopt when formulating or developing its national youth policy. It is composed of three clusters concerning youth: Youth in the Global Economy, Youth in Civil Society and Youth at Risk. The WPAY has well reflected all of the problems of youth in the present world and recommended how each state should cope with such problems. However, very little has been done and few countries have adopted this World Programme of Action for Youth as their national youth policy.

On behalf of the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO), the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), together with 25 other international youth organisations, would like to ask each National Scout Organization to encourage their government to adopt and implement the WPAY and to reaffirm the following proposals to the General Assembly in New York this coming October in order to support the WPAY and the development of youth.

We call upon the UN General Assembly to

1. Affirm the World Programme of Action for Youth as adopted in 1995 as the framework for the Youth Program for the United Nations System
2. Encourage Member States to develop National Youth Action Plans based on the framework of the WPAY. These NYAPs should be developed in consultation with autonomous National Youth Councils and youth organisations
3. Recognise Youth as the group most affected by the problems highlighted in the Millennium Declaration
4. Request the UN Statistical Agency to develop indicators for each of the priorities stated in the World Programme of Action for Youth
5. Call on the United Nations System to arrange regular inter agency coordination meetings on youth issues
6. Request that regional consultations with youth organisations are held to evaluate the implementation of the WPAY on a regular basis, to be held in conjunction with the UN regional Economic and Social commissions
7. Call on the Commission for Social Development to hold a full day session on Youth every second year with the full participation of Youth Organisations
8. Recognise Youth Organisations as key partners in the implementation of the WPAY

9. Follow the recommendations of the World Youth Report 2005 and emphasise the need to scale up investments in youth.

I invite you to approach your respective governments to share the above mentioned nine points in order to encourage their representatives to the forthcoming General Assembly of the United Nations in New York to promote and support this common position of the major international and regional youth organisations in the world.

I thank you in advance for this support. I am convinced that the development of this policy will greatly benefit the youth of today worldwide.

Yours in Scouting,

Eduardo Missoni
Secretary General

* An updated version of the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY) can be downloaded at the United Nations' website at www.un.org/youth