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To: International Commissioners

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Policy on payment of registration fees - Provisional suspension of Membership

Dear Colleague,

1. At its meeting on 31 March 2007, the World Scout Committee carefully considered the situation of the 9 (nine) Member Organizations which still had registration fee arrears at the date of the meeting.
2. Following this examination, the World Scout Committee could only conclude that:
 - in fairness to all NSOs which are paying regularly their fees (in sometimes very adverse internal conditions for several of them),
 - in fairness to other NSOs which have had arrears and to which the World Scout Committee has consistently applied the Policy on payment of registration fee since its adoption in 1996,

it had no alternative but to reconfirm the full application of the provisions of the Policy on payment of registration fees to these **9** (nine) Member Organizations.

At the time of writing this circular, this number has been reduced to **6** (six), which are therefore provisionally suspended of membership with WOSM with **full** application of the sanctions as from **1 April 2007**. These are: **Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, Morocco, Palestinian Scout Association, Peru and Senegal.**

Progress in the settlement of their situation with Côte d'Ivoire, Palestinian Scout Association and Peru is encouraging.

This suspension will be automatically revoked as soon as the payment of the totality of their respective arrears is received.

We are happy to report that the number of NSOs being left with arrears with WOSM, in the middle of a fiscal year, is the lowest recorded for many years.

3. It is my duty to remind you that, as a consequence of provisional suspension with **full** application of the sanctions, Member Organizations concerned will lose the right:
 - to participate and vote in the 2007 forthcoming Regional Scout Conferences and other regional events, insofar as the Constitution of a Regional Scout Organization requires its members to be members in good standing of WOSM,
 - to have individual members of the suspended Member Organization join committees or stand for election at the 2007 forthcoming Regional Scout Conferences in any organs of WOSM,

- to have youth members participate in world or regional events under the auspices of WOSM taking place more than 12 months after the date of suspension (1 April 2007) i.e. events taking place after 1 April 2008,
 - to participate in seminars, training sessions, meetings and other activities organized by the World Scout Bureau,
 - to have proposals for projects or other financial support reviewed and endorsed by the World Scout Bureau.
4. **I invite you to read carefully and entirely the document "Policy concerning Payment of Registrations Fees"** (since it clarifies a number of questions relating to the application of its policy and more particularly to its sanctions), attached to our Circular N° 39/2006.
 5. Bearing in mind that certain suspended Member Organizations may have been victim of circumstances beyond their control, which make it impossible for them to pay their fees, the World Scout Committee has requested the Secretary General and the World Scout Bureau to examine means and ways to assist these Member Organizations in paying their arrears... provided these Organizations ask us to do so and are ready to share the necessary efforts to find a solution to their situation.

In this spirit, I am asking any Member Organization wishing to help one or several of the suspended Member Organizations to recover their full rights (through any possible scheme: direct payment of fees, twinning of a particular Organization, etc.), to contact me.

It is the sincere hope of all that those Member Organizations concerned will very soon be reinstated in their full rights and obligations as full Members of WOSM.

Yours in Scouting,

Eduardo Missoni
Secretary General

N.B.: Please note that Tunisia was not amongst the 27 National Scout Organizations provisionally suspended with partial application of the sanctions as at 1 October 2006 as erroneously indicated in our circular N° 39/2006. We ask our friends Les Scouts Tunisiens to accept our apologies for this mistake.