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To: International Commissioners

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Meeting of World Scout Committee Kandersteg, Switzerland, 12-13 April 2003

Dear Colleagues,

The World Scout Committee held its latest meeting at Kandersteg International Scout Centre from 12-13 April 2002. The meeting was well attended, although some WSC members and Regional Chairmen were unable to be present due to the current world situation, especially health concerns (SARS).

Guests attending the meeting included members of the Evaluation Group appointed following the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki; members of WSB Inc., the legal body of WOSM; and representatives from the Scout Association of the United Kingdom (in connection with 2007 and the 21st World Scout Jamboree).

A summary of the main agenda items and decisions taken is given below.

EVALUATION GROUP REPORT

The Evaluation Group, appointed by the World Scout Committee following the World Conference in Thessaloniki to evaluate the performance of the Secretary General, the effectiveness of the Management Team system, and the governance role of the World Scout Committee, presented its report. The Group had met in Zurich the day before to finalise its report, although one member could only take part by telephone since health reasons prevented him from travelling. The Steering Committee, in a meeting that will be open to all elected members of the WSC, will meet again in Geneva in July to consider how to deal with the recommendations contained in the report. In the meantime, as promised at the Thessaloniki Conference, copies of the report have been mailed to all recipients of Scoutpak. (See Circular No. 7/2003.)

SUCCESSION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

As you have been informed, the Secretary General will reach his retirement age in 2004. The WSC agreed on the process to find his successor and on the composition of a Selection Committee. This subject has already been dealt with in Circulars No. 6/2003 and No. 8/2003.

THE STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING

The Workstreams responsible for the three top priorities of the Strategy (Youth Involvement; Volunteers in Scouting; and Scouting's Profile) met for a full day immediately prior to the WSC meeting, to move forward the work on these priorities. Detailed implementation plans were developed, and budgetary implications considered (the budget for the current fiscal year is based on implementation of the priorities). The outputs from the Workstreams were reported to, and

discussed at, the full meeting of the WSC. A full package of Strategy materials, designed to help NSOs work on the strategic priorities, has now been mailed to Scoutpak recipients with Circular No. 12/2003.

INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

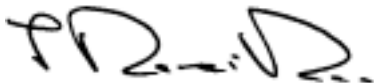
Other agenda items considered by the WSC included:

- Constitutional matters, notably the situation of the Spanish Scout Federation (FES) and its constituent associations.
- Financial matters, including the accounts for the past fiscal year; the current financial situation; registration fees; and reports from the Audit Committee, the Budget Committee (including final approval of the budget for 2002-2003), SCORE International and the World Scout Foundation.
- Relationship matters, especially with WAGGGS. (The WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee met in Geneva following the WSC meeting; the minutes of that meeting will be circulated shortly.)
- Recent and future World Scout Events, including the evaluation of the 36th World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki (the published Conference Report was distributed at the meeting).

FUTURE MEETINGS

As noted above, members of the WSC will meet again in July to consider the Evaluation Group report and the Committee will hold its next regular meeting in Geneva in October 2003.

Yours sincerely,



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