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To: Chief Executives/Commissioners  
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### **Distribution of the "Raid Cross" role-play on International Humanitarian Law**

Dear colleagues,

Millions of people throughout the world live in situations of armed conflict, including in countries where Scouting is present.

As the mission of Scouting is to contribute to the establishment of lasting peace, we consider it is important for us to work closely with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to underline the fact that "even in war there are limits". These limits are fixed by the Geneva Conventions, which define International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

For this reason, the World Organization of the Scout Movement signed a convention in April 2005 with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the National French and Belgian (French-speaking community) Red Cross Societies.

In the framework of this convention, a game based on role-play, and originally developed by the National French and Belgian (French-speaking community) Red Cross Societies, was field tested by different local-level Scout groups and also in the Global Development Village of the European Jamboree (EuroJam) last summer.

A final version of this game, entitled "Raid Cross" is now available and ready for distribution to National Scout Organizations.

Please find in attachment the following promotional materials for the Raid Cross role-play:

- An introductory brochure
- A promotional poster
- A poster on International Humanitarian Law
- A CD-ROM comprising a promotional film, a photo gallery and documents to download.

I would like to encourage every National Scout Organization to study this material and consider how to integrate the Raid Cross role-play into your programme, at Scouting events as well as in local group activities.

If you would like to be further involved in this process you should contact the National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society of your country. The leaders of these organizations have access (through the Fednet) to the programme material for the role-play.

More information about the game and contact addresses of the Red Cross and Red Crescent leaders is available on the internet at the following address:  
<http://www.ifrc.org/youth/activities/raidcross/index.asp>

I invite you to develop concrete partnerships based on a reciprocal exchange of skills. Red Cross and Red Crescent leaders can share their knowledge of International Humanitarian Law with Scout leaders who have great experience of animating programme activities and working with young people.

I hope that this initiative will be taken up by a great number of National Scout Organizations and ask you to keep the World Scout Bureau informed of any interesting developments.

Yours in Scouting,

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*Secretary General*