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Dear Colleagues,

MEETING OF WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE,
WORLD SCOUT BUREAU, GENEVA, 16-18 MARCH 2002

The World Scout Committee met at the World Scout Bureau in Geneva on 16-18 March 2002. Attendance was excellent: all 12 elected Committee Members, as well as the Secretary General and the Treasurer and all six Regional Chairmen, were present. World Scout Bureau staff concerned were also in attendance. Among several guests attending part of the meeting were: H.E. Suwit Khunkitti, Minister of Education of Thailand, leading a delegation in connection with the 20th World Scout Jamboree; representatives of Soma Hellinon Proskopon (Greece) hosting the 36th World Scout Conference/8th World Scout Youth Forum; representatives of The Scout Association (U.K.) collaborating with WOSM on 2007 Centenary including the 21st World Scout Jamboree; representatives of the International Catholic Conference on Scouting (ICCS) and the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF); and Hanne de Mora, a partner with McKinsey & Company Inc.

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

FINANCE & SUPPORT

The World Committee approved the audited accounts for the fiscal year ended 30 September 2001, received an interim report on the financial situation as at 28 February 2002, and reviewed the situation of the National Scout Organizations with fee arrears to WOSM. In this respect, the Committee decided to provisionally suspend, with full application of the relevant sanctions, the membership of 14 NSOs, including two which were already suspended, and to take further action as appropriate at the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki. (The NSOs concerned have been informed of the Committee's decisions.)

The World Committee also reviewed the details of the proposed revision to the registration fee system that will be put to the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki, and previewed the likely budget situation for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, which does not look very hopeful due to – among other factors – a possible reduction of the annual grant from the World Scout Foundation as a result of the state of the stock market.

The Chairman of the Board of SCORE International reported to the World Committee on the latest results achieved by SCORE. Sales during the year ended 31 December 2001 had not been particularly good and the profit realised was only about 75% of that which had been anticipated. However the SCORE balance sheet is healthy and Internet sales are expanding steadily.

EDUCATIONAL METHODS

The Chairman of the Educational Methods Group reported to the World Scout Committee on progress made by the Group, its sub-committees (World Programme Committee and World Adult Resources Committee) as well as the corresponding services of the World Scout Bureau.

Among items presented were: the ongoing dissemination of the Renewed Approach to Programme, recently expanded through visits to the Africa and Arab Regions; distribution, especially through the Internet, of practical "Let's Go Scouting" programme ideas; promotion of international versions of new Cub Scout and Scout leaders' manuals published by the Interamerican Region; a focus on youth programme for adolescents over the age of 15; and the "gender research project" in 4 countries of the European and Eurasia Regions, being conducted in partnership with the University of Oslo, Norway.

A new reference document on Spiritual Development had also been published and a "Scouts of the World" award, focusing on education for development, environment and peace, was being developed. Other projects underway include an emphasis on unprotected children, including those living on the street, and Scouting in schools.

In the area of Adult Resources, the World Adult Resources Handbook has been published and regular issues of Information Exchange are published.

Finally, Internet communications are being expanded, with regular issues of WONDERnews being published and a series of WONDERforums organized.

STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING

The Strategy Task Force had met the day before the World Scout Committee meeting. The Chairman of the Task Force reported that good progress was being made on preparations for consideration of the proposed Strategy for Scouting at the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki. Feedback from NSOs, received in response to the pre-Conference document outlining the conceptual framework of the Strategy, had been very positive. The draft Conference Document on the Strategy for Scouting, and the process for the handling of the Strategy at the Conference, were approved by the Committee.

WAGGGS/WOSM RELATIONSHIPS

The World Scout Committee noted the position which had been adopted by the WAGGGS World Board concerning their long-term future and approved the text of a Conference Document on WAGGGS/WOSM Relationships for dispatch to NSOs prior to the Thessaloniki Conference.

CONSTITUTIONS

The Chairman of the Constitutions Committee reported to the World Committee on a number of constitutional matters being handled by his committee. These include changes to the constitutions of a number of NSOs as well as applications for WOSM membership from potential Member Organizations.

WORLD AND REGIONAL EVENTS

The Scout Association of Greece, Soma Hellinon Proskopon, the host association of the *36th World Committee Conference* and *8th World Scout Youth Forum*, presented its latest progress report on these two events to the World Scout Committee. Projected attendance at the Conference and especially the Youth Forum was very positive and plans for both events were progressing well.

The World Committee also received reports from the World Scout Bureau on the Conference budget and the outline programme and agenda. The Committee agreed on the roles and responsibilities of Committee members during the Conference, and the resolutions that the Committee would propose to the Conference; it also noted the procedures for deciding on voting rights and took stock of the invitations which had been received to host future World Events.

The World Scout Committee also received reports on the 20th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference (India, October 2001) and the 23rd Arab Regional Scout Conference (Saudi Arabia, November 2001). Progress reports on the 12th World Scout Moot (Scouts of China, 2004), the 37th World Scout Conference and 9th World Scout Youth Forum (Tunisia, 2005) and the 21st World Scout Jamboree (United Kingdom, 2007) were also presented to the Committee.

Concerning the 100th Anniversary of World Scouting in 2007, the theme "One World, One Promise" was confirmed. A major presentation to the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki on the Centenary was being prepared.

WORLD SCOUT FOUNDATION

The Director of the World Scout Foundation reported to the World Scout Committee on future plans of the Foundation, including forthcoming fundraising events and the publication of a series of "success stories" under the title *The Bottom Line*. He emphasized the need for the Foundation to have a clear idea of what WOSM expected from it over the coming five years, as a basis for future planning.

ORGANIZATIONS WITH CONSULTATIVE STATUS

The World Scout Committee received briefings from representatives of two organizations to which it has granted consultative status: the International Catholic Conference on Scouting (ICCS) and the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF).

REVIEW OF WOSM: REPORT ON MCKINSEY AND COMPANY CONSULTANCY

On Monday 18 March, the World Scout Committee held a special session to consider the report of McKinsey and Company, which had been commissioned by the World Committee to review the operations of WOSM (see Circular 27/2001). The Committee adopted most of the recommendations contained in the report, some of which apply to the World Committee itself and others to the World Scout Bureau. Further discussions will be held with the World Scout Foundation concerning recommendations that affect both WOSM and the Foundation. A full account of the decisions taken by the World Committee is being prepared and will be sent to all National Scout Organizations shortly. The McKinsey report will also be provided to those NSOs which would be interested in receiving a copy.

Sincerely yours,



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