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To : International Commissioners

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**POLICY ON PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES - PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Colleague,

- 1) Reference is here made to the document "Policy concerning payment of registration fees", (and more particularly its annexes 1, 2 and 3) attached to our Circular n° 39/2006 of November 2006.
- 2) I am pleased to inform you that by September 2007 (last day of our fiscal year 2006-2007), no National Scout Organization (NSO) had arrears, i.e. unpaid fees for years prior to 2006-2007.
- 3) However, on 1st October 2007, first day of our new fiscal year 2007-2008, 26 NSOs had arrears (unpaid fees for year 2006-2007), for a total amount of CHF 76,860. This represents the lowest figures both in terms of NSOs and of amount due for many years.
- 4) In application of the policy under 1) above, these 26 Member Organisations have been automatically suspended as at 1st October 2007, with **partial application of the sanctions**.
- 5) At the time of writing this circular, the above number was reduced to the following 19 Member Organizations, globally owing this office CHF 39,977:

Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, Comoro Islands, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Jamaica, Liberia, Malawi, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Swaziland and Tanzania.

The immediate practical consequences of this situation for the 19 NSOs concerned are :

- The loss of voting rights at World and / or Regional events organised under the auspices of WOSM;
- The loss or right for individuals of the suspended Member Organization to join committees or stand for election in any organs of WOSM

until and unless their arrears are cleared.

- 6) The situation will be reviewed by the World Scout Committee at its next meeting in March 2008. If, by then, the suspended NSOs have not cleared their situation, their suspension with partial application of the sanctions will be automatically transferred into provisional suspension of membership with **full application of the sanctions**.

Until and unless they would clear their situation by the date of opening of the July 2008 World Scout Conference in Korea, the NSOs concerned would not be allowed to attend said Conference.

- 7) Bearing in mind that certain suspended Member Organizations may have been victim of circumstances beyond their control, which makes it impossible for them to pay their fees, the World Scout Committee has requested the Acting 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 them 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 or the Member Organization concerned.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Yours in Scouting,



Luc Panissod  
Acting Secretary General