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To: International Commissioners

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**38th World Scout Conference, Republic of Korea, 2008
Call for nominations for World Scout Committee Membership**

Dear colleagues,

In accordance with Article XII,4 of the Constitution, the following six members of the World Scout Committee will retire from office at the 38th World Scout Conference:

Mr. Habibul ALAM (Bangladesh)
Mr. Philippe DA COSTA (France)
Mr. John A. GEMMILL (Canada)
Mr. Herman C.S. HUI (Hong Kong)
Mrs. Ana Elisa PIUBELLO (Argentina)
Mr. Mohamed TRIKI (Tunisia)

Elections will be held at the World Conference in Korea to fill the resulting vacancies for the period 2008-2014. Consequently, the delegates will elect, from the list of candidates, six members for a period of six years (2008-2014).

In addition, the delegates will elect, from the list of candidates, a member for a period of three (3) years (2008-2011) in order to replace Mr. Steve FOSSETT (United States) who resigned in 2006 from his position as member of the World Scout Committee. Mr. Wayne PERRY (United States) was co-opted by the World Scout Committee to replace Mr. Steve FOSSETT until the 38th World Scout Conference. Mr. Wayne PERRY is eligible to stand for election.

Article XII,2(a) stipulates that "*In no case shall more than one elected member from any one National Scout Organization serve on the Committee in any one period*". Therefore, candidates from the following member countries are NOT eligible to stand: Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, South Africa, Spain.

The new World Scout Committee will therefore be composed of the following members:

- Five (5) continuing elected members:

Ms. Thérèse BERMINGHAM (Ireland)
Mr. Georges EL-GHORAYEB (Lebanon)
Mr. Mario DIAZ MARTINEZ (Spain)
Mr. Nkwenkwe NKOMO (South Africa)
Mr. Gualtiero ZANOLINI (ITALY)

- Six (6) new elected members, each to serve six (6) years
- One (1) new elected member, to serve three (3) years
- WOSM Secretary General
- World Scout Committee Treasurer

If your Organization wishes to make a nomination, the enclosed nomination form, duly filled in, must reach the World Scout Bureau **no later than 16 May 2008**. The consent of the nominee must be obtained before his or her name is submitted.

As required by By-Law II, 2, in order to qualify as a candidate for election, the nomination must be made or endorsed by the candidate's National Scout Organization, failing which the nomination will not be valid.

In order to give Member Organizations details about the nominees, I enclose a nomination form, which should be completed for the nominee and returned to the World Scout Bureau, together with **horizontal head and shoulders portrait in colour** of the nominee in electronic format (technical specifications on the form).

In accordance with Resolution 25, adopted by the 33rd World Scout Conference in 1993, your National Scout Organization, in looking for a suitable candidate, is invited to consider the enclosed job specifications, and suggested profile, which were issued by the World Scout Committee at its September 1995 session and subsequently revised.

Article XII,1 of the World Constitution states that the members of the World Scout Committee do not represent "any particular Member Organization or Region". Furthermore, as one of the WOSM fundamental purposes is to "promote unity" of the Scout Movement throughout the world (Article IV,2), the World Scout Committee invites all WOSM Member Organizations to keep in mind, in making nominations, the desirability of geographical balance in the membership of the World Scout Committee.

As a reminder, six geographical areas have been defined by the World Scout Committee: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, Interamerica. The five continuing elected members are from the following areas: Africa (1), Arab (1), Europe (3).

In accordance with the Strategy for Scouting adopted at the 36th World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki, and in particular the priorities on youth involvement in the decision-making process, and the importance of gender equality, and in accordance with Resolution 06/2002, National Scout Organizations are strongly invited to nominate young people of less than 30 years of age at the time of the Conference, as well as women as candidates.

After 16 May 2008, the list of nominations will be closed, and it will be circulated to all member countries in advance of the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Luc Panissod
Acting Secretary General WOSM

Enclosures:

1. World Scout Committee Members Job Specifications
2. World Scout Committee Members Suggested Profile
3. Nomination Form / Form for Declaration (text of motivation)

WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS JOB SPECIFICATIONS
Approved by the World Scout Committee, September 1995

Last updated: December 2007

Ref.: Resolution 25/93

THE PERMANENT SITUATION (description)

- 1. The World Scout Committee (WSC) is the executive organ of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)**

World Organization of the Scout Movement

- **World Scout Conference: Governing organ**
- **World Scout Committee: Executive organ**
- **World Scout Bureau: Secretariat**

The chief administrative officer of WOSM is the **Secretary General**, who is appointed by the WSC. The **Treasurer** is also appointed by the WSC.

- 2. Voting members of the WSC are fourteen (14) in number**

- Twelve (12) elected members
- The Secretary General
- The Treasurer

- 3. The normal term of office for elected members is six (6) years**

A WSC member is elected at a World Conference and serves until replaced at the World Conference (six) 6 years later (i.e. elected at Conference A, serves through Conference B, goes out of office at Conference C, with three (3) years between Conferences).

- 4. Six (6) WSC members are elected at each World Conference (except for replacement because of resignation or death)**

Normally, six (6) members of the WSC will be replaced at a World Conference.

However, if a WSC member resigns or passes away after election and before the next World Conference (i.e. elected at Conference A but dies or resigns before Conference B), the WSC may appoint a successor to serve until the next World Conference. At that World Conference, the position will be filled by election of a member for a three (3) year period.

If a WSC member serves from his election until after the next World Conference, then resigns or passes away (i.e. elected at Conference A, serves through Conference B but resigns or dies before Conference C), the WSC may appoint a successor to serve until the next World Conference. Then the position becomes available for the normal six (6) year period.

According to Article XII.4, *a member who has been appointed or elected to fill a vacancy may be eligible for immediate re-election.*

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5. a. Constitutional functions of the World Scout Committee**

Article XII.1 of the World Constitution stipulates that:

The World Committee is the Executive Organ of the World Organization. Its members shall consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered, as representing any particular member Organization or Region.

Article XIII describes the functions of the World Scout Committee as follows:

1. *To act on behalf of the World Conference between its meetings; to give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies; and to represent it at international and national events.*
2. *To promote the Scout Movement throughout the world by means of visits, correspondence, training courses and other appropriate action.*
3. *To advise and assist Member Organizations in carrying out the purpose, principles and method of Scouting.*
4. *To recommend the admission of National Scout Organizations applying for membership, and to suspend provisionally the membership of a National Scout Organization.*
5. *To prepare the agenda and procedure of the meetings of the World Conference, giving consideration to suggestions from Member Organizations, and appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the World Conference.*
6. *To appoint the Secretary-General of the World Organization, and to appoint his Deputy or Deputies, upon a recommendation of the Secretary-General; to supervise the management of the World Bureau; and to approve its budget.*
7. *To accept the responsibility for the raising of additional funds.*
8. *To approve the constitutions or other laws governing Regional Scout Organizations.*
9. *To grant consultative status to such organizations as may be of assistance to the Scout Movement.*
10. *To decide upon granting of awards for services to the World Scout Movement.*
11. *To exercise other functions resulting from this Constitution and its By-Laws.*

b. World Scout Committee meetings

In a non-World Scout Conference year, the WSC meets formally twice a year in Geneva, usually in March and September. A meeting usually lasts three full days (normally during a weekend + 1 day).

According to Article XV, *the World Committee may establish, on a permanent or ad hoc basis, such subsidiary Committees or other organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.*

At present, the following Committees operate under the World Committee:

- Educational Methods Committee (and related task teams)
- Constitutions Committee
- Honours and Awards Committee
- Audit Committee
- Budget Committee

A number of Task Forces are also usually established for specific purposes.

Those members who are involved in sub-committees and special groups usually come for one or two additional days previous to the WSC meeting.

In a World Conference year, the WSC meets formally three times a year - normally (i.e. when the World Conference is held in July/August) in Geneva in March and November, and at the time and place of the World Conference¹.

¹ In accordance with Resolution 10/2002, WSC members attending WSC and sub-committees meetings are entitled to request reimbursement of their expenses (travel and accommodation).

The provisional agenda and related advance documentation are sent to all WSC members several weeks before each meeting.

In addition, the **Steering Committee** (Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and Secretary General) meets when necessary.

The Regional Chairmen are also invited to attend all WSC meetings, in a consultative capacity.

The six Youth Advisors elected by the World Scout Youth Forum and the six Youth Advisors designated by the Regions may attend WSC meetings in an advisory capacity, in accordance with the policy and guidelines adopted by the WSC.

c. World Scout Committee Officers

By-Law II Section 3 provides that:

The World Committee shall elect by ballot a Chairman and one or more Vice-Chairmen from among its elected members. Their term of office shall be from Conference to Conference and shall cease at the end of each meeting of the Conference.

For a number of years, it has been traditional for the World Scout Committee to elect two Vice-Chairmen.

While no specific duties of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen are enumerated in the Constitution, it has become customary to assign to them the following duties:

- The Chairman of the WSC normally chairs the WSC and Steering Committee meetings.
- The Chairman of the WSC approves the draft minutes of these meetings prior to approval by the full committee.
- The Chairman of the WSC appoints, with the approval of the WSC, the Chairmen of all sub-committees and task forces. The Chairman also appoints, on the recommendation of the committee or task force Chairman concerned, the members of committees and task forces which report direct to the WSC.

d. World Scout Bureau Inc.

The World Scout Bureau Inc. is the corporate legal entity that performs the legal responsibilities of WOSM, the WSC and the World Scout Bureau. It approves the annual budget of WOSM and signs contracts on behalf of WOSM (including the employment of the Secretary General).

This legal entity has an annual meeting - usually in Geneva at the time of the WSC meeting in September.

The members of the WSC constitute the membership of the World Scout Bureau Inc.

The Secretary General is the chief executive officer of the World Scout Bureau Inc.

e. World Scout Foundation (WSF)

Meetings of the WSF Board and/or Executive Committee, which is an independent body from WOSM, are held several times a year in various parts of the world.

Ex-officio members of the WSF Board and Executive Committee are the Chairman of the World Scout Committee, one of its Vice-Chairmen and the Secretary General.

f. WOSM/WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) Consultative Committee

The aim of the Consultative Committee is to create and maintain a climate of mutual respect, understanding and cooperation between the two organizations and to provide a forum for the exchange of information about activities that can impact one on the other.

The Consultative Committee currently consists of four representatives of WOSM and of WAGGGS, including the Chairman of the WSC/World Board, the Chief Executives and two other members of the WSC/World Board.

The Consultative Committee normally meets at least once a year, alternating between London and Geneva.

g. World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum

After Korea the 39th World Scout Conference and 11th World Scout Youth Forum will be in Brazil in 2011.

It is anticipated that the WSC Chairman will be named Chairman of the Conference and that the two Vice-Chairmen will have active roles to play. Other WSC members will also likely have special roles to fulfil.

h. World Scout Jamborees and World Scout Moots

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will be in July-August 2011 in Sweden.
The 13th World Scout Moot will be in 2010 in Africa.

i. Regional Scout Conferences and other activities

According to Article XIX, Regional Scout Organizations may be established in conformity with the requirements of this Constitution, comprising Members of the World Organization so desiring within a geographical area to be defined from time to time by the World Committee. There shall be not more than one Regional Organization in each area.

At present, there are six Regional Scout Organizations within WOSM: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe and Interamerican.

Each Region holds a Conference every three (3) years, plus several Regional Committee meetings annually and many regional activities. The next Regional Conferences will all be held in 2009, except for the European Conference in 2010.

j. Liaison with other Organizations having been granted consultative status by the World Scout Committee (Art. XIII.9)

- **DESMOS (International Link of Orthodox Christian Scouts)**
A representative of the World Scout Committee participates in the DESMOS Committee meetings.
- **ICCS (International Catholic Conference of Scouting)**
A representative of the World Scout Committee attends ex-officio the meetings of the ICCS World Council.
- **ISGF (International Scout and Guide Fellowship)**
A representative of the World Scout Committee is a member of the ISGF World Committee.
- **IUMS (International Union of Muslim Scouts)**
Observers from the World Scout Committee are invited ex-officio to the Islamic Scouts Conference.
- **WSPU (World Scout Parliamentary Union)**
A representative of the World Scout Committee is a member of the WSPU Executive Committee.

k. Liaison with KISC (Kandersteg International Scout Centre)

A representative of the World Scout Committee is a member of the KISC Committee.

I. Liaison with non-Scout Organizations

Depending on the circumstances, members of the WSC can be appointed as liaison with non- Scout Organizations which maintain relationships with WOSM, such as UNESCO, Rotary International, etc.

m. Special Tasks

Depending on the needs arising from the World Scout Committee's work.

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WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS SUGGESTED PROFILE
Approved by the World Scout Committee, September 1995
Revised: September 1998, April 2004, October 2004
Ref.: Resolution 25/93

According to Article XII.1 of the World Constitution:

The members (of the World Scout Committee) shall consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and shall neither consider themselves, nor be considered as representing any particular member Organization or Region.

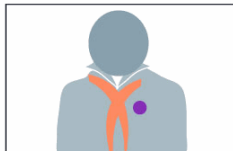
This means that the candidates for the World Scout Committee (WSC):

- must be registered as a member of WOSM
- must have a strong commitment to Scouting, coupled with understanding of, and exposure to World Scouting
- must be sensitive to, and experienced in cross-cultural relations
- be healthy and in condition to travel
- be available to travel to Geneva twice a year
- have or secure the means to travel to international Scout events or to any other country where his/her specific functions would require his/her presence
- accept a fairly extensive commitment of time, and be able to react by mail, email, fax or telephone to papers, reports and correspondence
- be able to communicate either in French or in English
- should understand and accept the Mission Statement, to be capable and willing to address with creativity and determination challenges facing World Scouting; to be able to motivate and inspire fellow WSC members, and other leaders in World Scouting, to constructive and positive action in carrying out the Mission
- must be motivated to act with other members of the WSC to serve, in a personal non-partisan capacity, the sole interests of WOSM in the fulfillment of its Mission and not for reasons of personal ambition or prestige
- should possess independent judgement; be sensitive to, and respect, the concerns and opinions of others; be resolute and non-partisan in making decisions, and tolerant in carrying them out; have the courage to recommend what is right, even if that choice may not be popular; be reliable in meeting responsibilities and deadlines; be ready to work with team spirit to build within the WSC conditions promoting unity and harmony among its members
- should have a high consciousness of the ethical and professional responsibilities that membership on the WSC implies towards WOSM and beyond it
- should be inspired at all times in their decisions and actions by the Principles of WOSM.

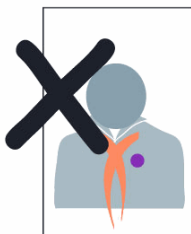
NOMINATION

For election to the World Scout Committee, 2008

One form should be completed in respect of each nominee for election and returned to the World Scout Bureau **no later than 16 May 2008**, together with a **horizontal head and shoulders portrait in colour** of the nominee in electronic format, and with the Form for Declaration (Text of motivation).



Yes Landscape



NO vertical

- Recent Photograph in colour
- Dressed in the National Scout Uniform
- Landscape Portrait
- White Background
- Digital Format - **High quality** as **.JPG .TIFF or .TGA** file
- **(NO Power Point file)**

In pursuance to Resolution 9/2002, candidates will be invited to present in plenary, during a plenary session on 15 July 2008, their personal motivations, priorities and objectives for their future contributions to the World Scout Committee, should they be elected.

SURNAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

NATIONALITY: _____ GENDER: MALE FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ MARITAL STATUS: _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____

THE NOMINEE IS A REGISTERED MEMBER OF WOSM WITHIN THE FOLLOWING SCOUT ASSOCIATION:

COUNTRY: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATIONS: _____

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English Français

OTHER LANGUAGES: _____

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: _____

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD: _____

SUMMARY OF SCOUT SERVICE (appointments held, dates, etc. including service on World/Regional Committee or Task Forces and attendance to International Scout Events):

MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

We confirm that the above nominee has agreed to stand for election to the World Scout Committee.

National Scout Organization: _____

_____ Country: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

(President/Chief Commissioner/International Commissioner)

Please send this form together with a **horizontal head and shoulders portrait in colour** of the nominee in electronic format, and with the **form for declaration** of the candidate, no later than 15 February 2008.

Closing date for receipt of candidatures: **16 May 2008.**

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