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To: International Commissioners

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Association of Scouts of Montenegro

Dear colleagues,

The World Scout Bureau has received an application for membership of the World Organization from the Association of Scouts of Montenegro.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of WOSM, the World Scout Committee considered this application at its meeting on 29 February-2 March 2008, and recommended that it be accepted.

Under the terms of Article VI.2 of the WOSM Constitution, "if within three months the recommendation is unopposed or opposed by less than five per cent of the Member Organizations", the Association of Scouts of Montenegro will be declared a Member, as the National Scout Organization of Montenegro, of the World Organization of the Scout Movement as from 1 July 2008. Affirmative votes are not required.

Yours sincerely,

Luc Panissod
Acting Secretary General

Encl.: Information on the Association of Scouts of Montenegro

Association of Scouts of Montenegro

The Association of Scouts of Montenegro has been operating as one part of the Scout Association of Serbia and Montenegro since the establishment of that organisation following the collapse of Yugoslavia in 2004. It maintained its own regional structure, but the programme and adult support policies were very similar to those in place in Serbia. It participated actively in the Scout Association of Serbia and Montenegro, providing the last chairman of that "federation".

Following the political separation of Montenegro from Serbia, all parties concerned agreed that the Scout Association of Serbia and Montenegro's membership of WOSM should be transferred to Serbia, and that Montenegro would submit a new application for membership of WOSM. The Association of Scouts of Montenegro was founded on 19 November 2006 as a national independent organisation with headquarters in Podgorica, the capital of Montenegro, and registered with the Department of Justice. The founding documents list 21 groups and units.

The Association of Scouts of Montenegro has maintained the standards of administration, youth provision and adult support of its membership of the Scout Association of Serbia and Montenegro and is working to renew aspects of its youth and adult provision as one would expect of a responsive National Scout Organization. It will receive assistance from the European Region in these tasks. Already a wide range of topics are covered, including health education, AIDS, environmental activities and citizenship.

The following events are witness to the active nature of the Association:

- National celebration of independence with 600 Scouts participating;
- Centenary celebration events, including Scouting's Sunrise;
- Participation in the World Scout Jamboree as part of the contingent from Serbia and Montenegro;
- Regular "competition" type events following the pattern of such events in Serbia;
- Participation in the renewal of training systems in Serbia to facilitate a similar process in Montenegro;
- Participation in sub-regional events of the European Region.

The Association of Scouts of Montenegro has 1,100 youth members between the ages of 12 and 20. There are 384 Cub Scouts, 528 Scouts, 188 Rover Scouts as well as Adult Leaders.