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International Letter of Introduction

Dear Colleague,

The International Letter of Introduction is recognized by Member Organizations as the standard form of introduction of a Scout or leader when travelling abroad.

The letter's sole purpose is to establish the identity of the bearer, and to entitle him or her to be welcomed as a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. It conveys no special privileges, including any entitlement to hospitality.

The standard forms – copy attached – are supplied free of charge by the World Scout Bureau to Member Organizations. International Letters of Introduction should normally be issued by the International Commissioner or another authorized headquarters official, only to members travelling abroad.

In the past, there have been occasions where individuals have claimed to be Scouts occasionally as a cover for a criminal activity.

There are however many genuine Scouts and leaders travelling abroad each year without being in possession of the letter. To avoid any problem of identifying an individual as a member of the Movement, National Scout Organizations are asked to ensure that they provide every Scout or leader with the document before they leave home. (In the case of parties of Scouts only one letter need be issued to the group.)

Yours sincerely,

Eduardo Missoni
Secretary General

Encl.: International Letter of Introduction (sample)