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To: International Commissioners

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Policy on payment of registration fees - Provisional suspension of Membership

Dear Colleague,

By Circular N° 26/2002 all WOSM Member Organizations were informed of the decision taken by the World Scout Committee at its October 2002 meeting concerning the above subject, i.e. *"Member Organizations which will not have cleared their registration **fee arrears by the date of the Spring meeting (March or April in any year)** of the World Scout Committee, will **automatically** see their provisional suspension with **partial** application of the sanctions transformed into provisional suspension with **full** application of the sanctions."*

At its meeting on 17 April 2005, the World Scout Committee considered in depth the situation of the **17** Member Organizations which still had arrears at the date of the meeting, i.e.: **Albania, Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Chad, Chile, Comoro Is., Dominica, Dominican Republic, Israel, Madagascar, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.**

Following an extensive discussion, the World Scout Committee could only conclude that:

- in fairness to all NSOs which are paying regularly their fees (in sometime very adverse internal conditions for several of them),
- in fairness to other NSOs which are having arrears and to which the World Scout Committee has consistently applied the Policy on payment of registration fee since its adoption in 1996,

it had no alternative but to fully apply the dispositions of the Policy on payment of registration fee to these seventeen Member Organizations which are therefore provisionally suspended of membership with WOSM with **full** application of the sanctions as from 17 April 2005.

This suspension will be automatically revoked as soon as the payment of the totality of their respective arrears is received.

It is my duty to remind you that, as a consequence of provisional suspension with **full** application of the sanctions, Member Organizations concerned will **not be allowed** to attend the forthcoming 9th World Scout Youth Forum, (Tunisia, 29 August – 1 September) and the 37th World Scout Conference, (Tunisia, 5 – 9 September) and therefore exercise their voting rights at these forthcoming world Scout events, until and unless their clear their arrears before the opening of these events.

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Similarly, Member Organizations concerned **will not be allowed:**

- to attend seminars or workshops organized under the auspices of WOSM in 2005,
- to join any other WOSM body (committees, task forces, working groups, etc.) for which the principle of nomination/appointment is by co-option.

Bearing in mind that certain suspended Member Organizations may have been victim of circumstances beyond their control, which make it impossible for them to pay their fees, the World Scout Committee has requested the 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 us 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.

It is the sincere hope of all that those Member Organizations concerned will very soon be reinstated in their full rights and obligations as full Members of WOSM.

Yours in Scouting,

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Secretary General

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