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**ALL DIFFERENT, ALL UNIQUE (UNESCO)**

Dear colleagues,

It is a pleasure for me to present to our National Scout Organizations and friends in Scouting this important document entitled "ALL DIFFERENT, ALL UNIQUE" from UNESCO. The document deals with the subject of young people and the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity.

The UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, adopted unanimously by the 185 Member States represented at the 31st session of the General Conference in 2001, is the founding act of a new ethic being promoted by UNESCO at the dawn of the 21st century.

For the first time, the international community is provided with a wide-ranging standard-setting instrument to underpin its conviction that respect for cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue is one of the surest guarantees of development and peace.

For a long time, UNESCO has been one of the main partners of our Organization. In 2001, WOSM joined the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010). UNESCO has been present in many of our world events, running activities in the Global Development Villages at World Scout Jamborees and Moots. We were indeed honoured to welcome UNESCO's Director-General Koïchiro Matsuura to inaugurate the GDV at the 20<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in Thailand.

We are pleased to associate ourselves with this UNESCO's new campaign. The objectives of this campaign are very much in line with the Mission and Vision of our Movement.

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Yours in Scouting,

Eduardo Missoni  
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