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To: International Commissioners
Chief Executives

Dear Colleagues,

FINANCIAL DONATIONS: SPECIAL FUNDS

Many National Scout Associations, or local Scout groups, collect funds either regularly or on special occasions, such as 22 February (known as 'Founder's Day' in some countries and as 'World Scout Day' in the Asia-Pacific Region) or 23 April (St. George's Day) or on other significant dates in their calendar. Further to the urgent e-mail message about Salvador and India, which we sent recently to all National Scout Associations whose e-mail addresses we have on file (copy attached), in this circular we would like to provide you with general information on some special funds to which financial donations may be made.

The Scout Universal Fund ("U" Fund)

The Scout Universal Fund, or "U" Fund as it is more commonly known, has existed for many years to provide a way for all members of the Scout Movement to help Scouts in other countries. It is designed "to help Scouts to help others". Donations to the Scout "U" Fund are received from National Scout Associations, Scout groups, and individual Scouts and leaders. Contributions may be for designated purposes or for non-specific uses.

The contributions are distributed by the World Organization as grants to support a wide range of community projects (including emergency needs such as those arising from natural disasters) and to encourage the development of Scouting.

The allocation of non-specific donations is determined by a monitoring group of volunteer leaders of the Educational Methods Group (Youth Programme and Adult Resources) of the World Scout Committee.

Donations for the Scout "U" Fund should be transferred (in Swiss francs) to:

- Banque Lombard Odier & Cie., P.O. Box 5215, 1211 Geneva 11, for the World Scout Bureau "U" Fund Account No. 85 612 RO 00 01 (Special Funds).

The Queen Silvia Fund for Handicapped Scouts

This is a special fund established by the World Scout Foundation named after Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden. (As you know, His Majesty the King of Sweden is Honorary President of the Foundation.) The original funds were donated a few years ago to mark the 50th Birthday of Her Majesty; donations are invested in the capital funds of the Foundation, and only the interest is used to fund projects related to Scouting with the disabled.

Donations for the Queen Silvia Fund for Handicapped Scouts should be transferred to:

- Banque Lombard Odier & Cie., P.O. Box 5215, 1211 Geneva 11, for the World Scout Foundation 'Fund B' Account No. 89 929 CO, marked 'Queen Silvia Fund'.

Ranga Rao Leprosy Trust

This special trust fund has been established by our partner organization in the fight against leprosy, AHM Leprosy Relief Organization Munich e.V. Mr. Ranga Rao was for many years director of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, India, one of the National Scout Associations which has played a key role in combatting leprosy, and has, since his retirement from that position, dedicated his life to that cause.

World Leprosy Day is held each year on 28 January. Although good progress is being made towards eradicating the disease, it is estimated that one person is newly affected by leprosy every minute: 800,000 new cases were detected in 1998.

Donations to the Ranga Rao Leprosy Trust should be transferred to either:

- UBS (Union Bank of Switzerland), Geneva, Switzerland, Account No. D 3-600001.0

or to:

- Deutsche Bank, Munich, Germany, BLZ 700 700 24, Account No. 1880574 60

marking your donations 'AHM – for Ranga Rao Leprosy Trust'.

I take this opportunity to thank you in anticipation of your generosity to these good causes.

Yours sincerely,



Jacques Moreillon
Secretary General

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EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN EL SALVADOR AND INDIA

I am sure we all know, through the various news media, of the major earthquake disasters that have hit El Salvador and the Gujarat State of India in recent weeks. The Asociación de Scouts de El Salvador and the Bharat Scouts & Guides in India are both actively involved in disaster-relief activities and are seeking support and assistance from sister and brother Scouts in other countries. Meanwhile a number of National Scout Organizations have asked how they can help.

Because of the enormous needs, you are strongly encouraged to offer whatever help and assistance you can. There are two possible ways to do so.

Financial help is obviously most urgently required to help pay for relief supplies. If you can assist the Asociación de Scouts de El Salvador or the Bharat Scouts & Guides in this way, please send them an international bank draft addressed to their national headquarters at the following addresses:

Asociación de Scouts de El Salvador
Apartado (06) 835
San Salvador
El Salvador

Bharat Scouts & Guides
P.O. Box 7043
New Delhi 110002
India

Secondly, to contribute to longer-term reconstruction projects, consider sending a contribution to the Scout Universal Fund (U-Fund), which is operated by the World Scout Bureau in Geneva. You may specify, if you wish, which country should benefit from your donation.

After the immediate emergency is over, the Asociación de Scouts de El Salvador and the Bharat Scouts & Guides will be invited to propose to the WSB projects for funding. Donations to the U-Fund may be sent by international bank draft to the following address:

World Scout Bureau
P.O. Box 241
1211 Geneva 4
Switzerland

or by bank transfer to Account No. 85 612 R O 00 01 (Special Funds) at Banque Lombard, Odier & Cie, 11 rue de la Corraterie, 1204 Geneva, Switzerland.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support to our sister and brother Scouts in El Salvador and India.

Jacques Moreillon
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