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RESPONSE TO THE 11TH WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS

The Recommendations from the 11th World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) were presented to the World Scout Committee (WSC) in March 2011 at the first WSC meeting after the Youth Forum. Activities were included in the WSC's Triennial Plan with tasks allocated to related priority area working groups, sub-committees etc. to cover the Recommendations from the 11th WSYF.

The Youth Advisors had followed up on the progress of the implementation of Recommendations at every WSC meeting throughout the triennium. Overall, most of the Recommendations have been implemented during the triennium.

The Recommendations are presented in full in Appendix I.

Recommendation A: Youth Involvement in Decision-Making

The Youth for Change priority area working group (PAWG) of the World Scout Committee (WSC) has produced a revised and updated version of the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy, which will be presented to the 40th World Scout Conference for adoption. This new policy contains a list of guidelines for enhancing and strengthening youth involvement at unit and institutional level in Scouting, as well as at community level. The policy additionally clearly states targets for youth involvement on all mentioned levels.

The Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT) will enable each NSO to measure the level of youth involvement at an institutional level, and will also offer possibilities for National Scout Organizations to request support in strengthening this aspect of their work.

The World Scout Committee has adopted proposals for the creation of a Global Resource Pool after the 12th WSYF, where all young people who attended the Forum will have the opportunity to sign up and possibly get invited to participate in the work of one of the next triennium's working groups. This measure will allow more young people to be involved in decision-making in Scouting at world level. In this direction, a designated area on scout.org called "Youth Wall" was created, and it is mainly addressed to young people involved in decision making in their NSO. This will be a chance for better interaction and exchange of practice and ideas among young people.

The Youth for Change PAWG has also developed a training module titled Youth Involvement, which is available to NSOs wishing to incorporate it in their training activities.

Finally, the Youth for Change PAWG has prepared a Youth Involvement Assessment tool, which enables each NSO to test their level of youth involvement and receive useful advice on how to enable more young people to take part in decision-making processes in their NSO.

The 21st century Leadership priority area helped create a Leadership consultants network, formed from regional representatives, who will ensure consultancy on Leadership development of young people active and involved in the Youth Programme of the NSOs.

Recommendation B: Ensuring Youth Involvement in the World Scout Committee and C and D: Nominating Young Candidates to the World Scout Committee

The Youth Advisors, as well as the Youth for Change PAWG have been exploring different options of having more young candidates for the WSC; however, there have been no concrete measures resulting out of the several debates on the topic.

Recommendation E: Young Delegates to the World Scout Conference

The Impact Assessment of the WSYF and YA system report has shown that the number of young delegates at World Scout Conferences has been slowly increasing (by 1-2 percentage points each year). On average, participants aged between 18 and 26 have constituted 20-23% of the total number of delegates and observers at the past five World Scout Conferences. This progress has been noted as quite slow and the Youth Advisors and the Youth for Change PAWG have been constantly reflecting upon possibilities of enhancing this figure at future Conferences, however, discussions are still open.

The lower fees for participants aged 18 to 26 still remain as an incentive for NSOs to send young delegates and observers to the World Scout Conference.

Recommendation F: Youth Involvement and Youth Empowerment at Regional Level

The World Scout Committee has continually encouraged WOSM regional Committees to ensure youth involvement in their regional structures. One of the positive developments was the introduction of one member of the Asia-Pacific Young Adult Members Group as a voting

member of the Asia-Pacific regional committee. Some additional progress has been registered in this triennium, as Regional Committees from some of the regions (ex. Interamerica, Eurasia, Europe) generally have a younger age, and previous Regional or World Youth Advisors serve now in the Regional Committees. However, it is important to emphasize that each region has its own measures and tools for increasing youth involvement.

Recommendation G: Rights of the Young People

The Youth Advisors and World Scout Bureau staff have prepared an online module for WSYF participants (called COMPASS), which enables them to get acquainted with the basics of the WOSM structure and constitution. However, further work remains to be done on making the terms of reference, job descriptions and organizational policies and rules more youth-friendly, and easily available.

Recommendation H: World Scout Web Based Platform and I: Sharing Best Practice in the Field of Promoting Materials

The response to these recommendations has been mostly achieved through the new *scout.org website*. The new website offers possibilities for dynamic exchange in a social media style front page, with easily available navigation systems through the Library and Explore/search options.

Additionally, the Youth Advisors have decided to shut down the existing Facebook Group ScOutPost, and have launched a new Facebook page called "*Youth Wall – WOSM*" which aims at offering young people a platform for discussing issues related to youth involvement in WOSM.

Recommendation J: Language Translation for WOSM

Translation possibilities are limited due to available financial resources within WOSM; however, all WOSM regions have been constantly encouraged by the World Scout Committee to allocate time and resources for translating materials they deem necessary for the NSOs in their regions.

Recommendation K: Diversity of Scouts at National Level

The World Scout Committee continually encourages strong cooperation among NSOs within Federations.

Recommendation L: External Relations and Young Spokespeople and M: Representing World Scouting

During the past triennium, 84 out of a total of 97 external representatives of WOSM (including all delegates at UN events and events hosted by other international organizations) have been young people under the age of 30. Even so, it has been recognized that further progress in this regard is necessary, especially in terms of providing guidelines for young spokespeople, as well as in terms of encouraging NSOs to have young people as spokespersons.

Nevertheless, there have been bright examples where young people were present at high-profile international events, such as the World Conference on Youth (attended by Youth Advisor Doina Postica and WOSM external representative Jérémy Apert).

Recommendation N: Partnership WOSM/Community Groups, United Nations and NGOs

The World Scout Committee has supported various partnership initiatives, from the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Duke of Edinburgh International Award, ... The WOSM external relations team continues to explore possibilities for further partnerships with other international organizations sharing Scouting's values and goals.

The new World Scout Youth Involvement Policy strongly encourages NSOs to reflect upon possibilities for cooperation with their local communities, and one of the Youth for Change PAWG's training modules (Youth Changing Communities) offers an interesting insight into the possibilities of achieving great community projects.

Recommendation O: World Organization of the Scout Movement and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Reaching Out, Creating a Better World

This recommendation, along with the Declaration of the 39th World Scout Conference on Human Rights contributed strongly to the World Scout Committee's decision to form a Human

Rights Task Force, which has operated within this triennium and as a result, produced a Conference Document for the 40th World Scout Conference with recommendations for enhancing the respect for human rights within WOSM.

Additionally, in April 2014, the World Scout Committee issued a statement in which it reaffirmed its "worldwide commitment to Scouting values and the Movement's recognition of the sanctity of Human Rights which should apply without exception or discrimination".

Recommendation P: Youth, Peace and Security

The Scouts of the World Award will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2014 with a re-launch of the programme with revised guidelines and a more flexible programme structure. The World Scout Committee recognizes the importance of this programme and encourages young people aged 15 to 26 to take part.

Additionally, the Messengers of Peace initiative has provided numerous possibilities for young people to implement projects related to peace and security.

Finally, both the 14th World Scout Moot and the 22nd World Scout Jamboree had as one of its activities a simulation of a session of the UN General Assembly, which enabled participants to experience the procedures and rules of decision-making within the United Nations.

Recommendation Q: Provision of Support for Youth Members with Disabilities in Scouting

One of the strategic priorities for WOSM proposed in the new Vision 2023 (to be adopted at the 40th World Scout Conference) is *Diversity and Inclusion*, and as such, it encompasses support for young members with disabilities.

Recommendation R: Interfaith and Spiritual Dialogue

As part of the Diversity and Inclusion strategic priority, and as part of the proposed Triennial Plan for 2014 to 2017 (to be adopted by the 40th World Scout Conference), the World Scout Committee plans on ensuring that the World Scout Interreligious Forum supports effectively the work on strengthening the spiritual development in Scouting.

Recommendation S: Environment and T: Doing a Good Turn for Nature

The World Scout Committee has been actively encouraging hosts of World Events to minimize the hard copy materials, and increase availability of resources online. One such positive example is the ScoutPak, which is now only sent electronically (except to those NSOs which have specifically requested paper copies).

Additionally, the World Scout Environment Programme has been operational in a number of NSOs, and a number of scout centres around the world have been recognized as Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment (SCENES) throughout the triennium. They continue to maintain a network, especially through the regular SCENES seminars (last one held in Costa Rica, in 2013).

Recommendation U: Improvement of the World Scout Youth Forum, V: Forum Working Culture and Goals and W: Continuity in the World Scout Youth Fora

The Youth Advisors have considered these recommendations when planning the agenda of the 12th WSYF, and have taken into account the participants' request for a more balanced content (between Conference preparation sessions, world issues, networking and exchange sessions and draft resolution sessions).

Additionally, the Impact Assessment of the WSYF and YA system has provided valuable insight about both of these tools for increasing youth involvement in WOSM, and as a result, the 12th Forum contains in its agenda a session which asks participants to look forward into the future of the WSYFs, and their evolution through time.

Finally, the Youth Advisors report and report on recommendations passed on the 11th Forum constitute two important WSYF documents, and will be up for discussion at various points at the 12th WSYF.

Recommendation X: Youth Advisors Ability to put forward Recommendations

This recommendation has been accepted and the Rules of Procedure for the WSYF have been amended accordingly.

Recommendation Y: Preparation of the World Scout Youth Forum Participants

The Youth Wall (even though launched only recently) is an opportunity for participants to give their opinions about Forum topics. Previously, the Youth Advisors have been trying to gain input on the agenda items of the Forum from previous participants through ScOutPost, and have, unfortunately, received very little feedback. However, a positive development is the creation of an online preparation tool, called Compass, for Forum participants, which provides a detailed insight into WOSM structures and procedures, as well as the functioning of the Forum, and the various different dimensions it has (educational, institutional, networking and inspirational).

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YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AT NATIONAL; REGIONAL AND WORLD LEVEL

Recommendation A: YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognising the importance of involving young people in decision-making as a key part of the Scout Method;
- taking note of the several Resolutions carried on the youth involvement (2/93, 10-13/99, 6/02, 11/05, 14/08) and the need of concrete actions to achieve progress;
- recognising that young people are citizens today and that they have a right to be involved in making decisions that affect their lives;
- welcoming the progress made in youth involvement through the adoption of the Strategy for Scouting and particularly Strategic Priority 1: Youth Involvement;
- recognising that many NSOs have made good progress in involving young people in decision-making at unit level, at institutional level and within local communities;
- requesting NSOs to adopt the vision for youth involvement set out in Conference Document No. 14;
- desiring an end goal where Scouts are not judged on age but on ability and experience, resulting in Scouts of all ages working together to give better Scouting to more young people;

recommends that the World Scout Committee:

- encourages NSOs to create and identify opportunities for young people to be involved in decision-making at unit level, institutionally and in the community;
- recommends that each NSO sets targets for youth involvement so that progress and achievements can be measured;
- sets targets for youth involvement within the structure of WOSM so that progress and achievements can be measured;
- creates an implementation plan for the targets to be reached within the coming triennium;
- reports to the next Conference the progress made towards the vision on youth involvement in decision-making within the structure of WOSM and how to continue the process;
- develops tools to support youth involvement in NSOs;
- monitors progress in youth involvement in NSOs;
- focuses on youth involvement in its communications.

Recommendation B: ENSURING YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognising the past efforts towards youth involvement at all levels of governance in the Scout Movement;
- noting with regret that the goal of youth involvement in the World Scout Committee and the Regional Committees has not been met;
- deeply concerned that the previous recommendations and resolutions have not led to the achievement of the above mentioned goal;
- welcoming the proposed amendments of Article XIII 2a of the Constitution from the World Scout Committee as an interim measure to achieve greater youth involvement at the world level;

recommends that:

- the NSOs strongly consider supporting the proposals for the amendment to the Constitution, article XIII 2a, from the World Scout Committee;
- the World Scout Committee further strive towards ensuring Youth involvement at all levels of the Scout Movement.

Recommendation C: NOMINATING YOUNG CANDIDATES TO THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- worried by the lack of young candidates to the World Scout Committee;
- reaffirming that the World Scout Youth Forum is an interim measure;
- considering that achieving legitimate youth involvement in WOSM will require a shift in culture;
- further considering that the motions proposed by the World Scout Committee to increase the level of youth participation in the World Scout Committee might not be carried by the 39th World Scout Conference and that new innovations are required;
- keeping in mind that the motions proposed by the World Scout Committee to increase the level of youth participation in the World Scout Committee, if carried, must be given enough time to evaluate whether the policies are working;
- keeping in mind that the Youth Advisors can be considered to be the most legitimate representatives of the young members of WOSM;

recommends that:

- if the motions proposed by the World Scout Committee to increase the level of youth participation in the World Scout Committee are not carried at the 39th World Scout Conference, the World Scout Committee explore under what circumstances the idea that the Youth Advisors would have the right to nominate candidates for election to the World Scout Committee would be feasible;
- the World Scout Committee propose to the 40th World Conference the relevant measures required to achieve this goal;
- the World Scout Committee also continues exploring other new options.

Recommendation D: NOMINATING YOUNG CANDIDATES TO THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- reaffirming Recommendation B/08;
- recognizing that the World Scout Youth Forum is an interim measure to achieve youth involvement;
- convinced that NSOs lack the motivation or the means to propose young candidates to the World Scout Committee;
- believing that there is a "glass ceiling" to youth participation in the governance of WOSM;
- convinced that further youth involvement in WOSM requires a shift in its organizational culture regarding the perceived relationship between age and competence;

recommends that:

- that NSOs nominate young candidates to positions of responsibility at all levels;
- that the World Scout Committee emphasizes, particularly at the World Scout Conference, that there is a general lack of young candidates in the World Scout Committee elections;
- that the World Scout Committee develops new actions and measures to ensure the election of young candidates to the World Scout Committee.

Recommendation E: YOUNG DELEGATES TO THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- appreciating the efforts of the World Scout Committee to encourage National Scout Organizations to include youth in their delegations to the World Scout Conference;
- noting that despite numerous recommendations and resolutions the issue has not yet been fully implemented by all National Scout Organizations:
 - noting that some countries still do not include youth in their delegations to the World Scout Conference;
 - noting that while many countries include youth in their delegations to the World Scout Conference, do not give them the position of delegates but rather the position of observers;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee further encourages National Scout Organizations to include youth in their delegations to the World Scout Conference;
- the World Scout Committee undertakes an analysis of the current situation and based on that develops constitutional methods to ensure that youth is included in the delegations and further ensure that they have the position of delegates.

Recommendation F: YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AT REGIONAL LEVEL

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- affirming the concrete steps that were undertaken at world level in the field
- of youth involvement in decision making through the Strategic Priority number one "youth involvement" and the Youth Advisors Process;
- appreciating the efforts that Youth Advisors for the last triennium (2008 – 2011) have done, especially through the different activities within the World Scout Committee meetings and its sub-committees;
- noting the limited Youth Involvement at Regional and national level that is less than expected with all the efforts in this field;
- fully believing that Youth Empowerment is still not at the desired level even with all provided skills and mentoring;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee encourages the Regional Scout Committees in each Region to change the system of the Regional Scout Committee election so that at least one elected member is under the age of 30 at the date of the election, and strongly recommends the Regions to involve at least one member under 30 in each Regional subcommittees.

Recommendation G: RIGHTS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- realizing that many youth are not aware of their rights and responsibilities in leadership positions;

recommends that:

- training must be provided on the terms of reference, job descriptions, policy organization and rules, and above all on WOSM's existing functional constitution;
- all this information should be made easily accessible to the youth.

Recommendation H: WORLD SCOUT WEB BASED PLATFORM

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recalling the Strategic Priority 1: Youth Involvement;
- bearing in mind that expertise can be acquired through experience;
- noticing that the contributions of both adults and youth are important for decision-making to succeed;
- considering that the Movement needs more efficient communication between its members in order to implement innovative projects in line with our Movement's spirit;
- considering the right of freedom of expression;
- noticing that the tool ScoutPost is limited by being only open to future and past participants of the Forum;

recommends that:

- the process of collecting best practices be made more dynamic;
- the World Scout Committee establishes a working group to develop a web based platform, in collaboration with the Youth Advisors elected at the 11th World Scout Youth Forum, ready to be used by the next World Scout Conference;
- this platform would facilitate the following objectives:
 - debate on the current issues of our Movement;
 - launch innovative projects in line with our Movement's vision;
 - facilitate the promotion and communication of international events;
 - be accessible to all Scouts;

- sufficient funds should be allocated in order to allow and ensure the creation and maintaining of this web based platform;
- WOSM should encourage National Scout Organizations to advertise the existence of this platform;
- a Terms of Use policy containing the rules on politeness and acceptable behavior should be defined;
- a neutral moderating team should be established to:
 - maintain the platform over time;
 - ensure that the Terms of Use are adhered to by users of the platform;
 - provide a quarterly report regarding the topics raised through the platform and a summary of their conclusions;
 - distribute a newsletter to Scouts listing the current issues, projects and events discussed on the platform.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COOPERATION

Recommendation I: SHARING BEST PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF PROMOTING MATERIALS

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- referring to Priority No. 1, Strengthening the World Scouting Brand as proposed by the World Scout Committee in Conference Document no. 8 of the 39th World Scout Conference: "To improve the Scout Movement's image and strengthen the sense of belonging amongst its members";
- appreciating the efforts of many NSOs to promote Scouting as a young and modern Movement by producing materials such as TV spots, poster campaigns, post cards, clothing and many more;
- regretful of the fact that exchange of best practise in the above mentioned field is limited today;
- noting that promotion campaigns are highly resource intensive; ○ convinced that a lot of local promotion material can easily be adapted to countries and Regions other than the country of origin;
- further convinced of the wish by many Scouts in the world to purchase clothing products of other countries in order to demonstrate the international dimension of Scouting;
- being aware of a section at the World Scout Shop with internal collectibles rather than promotional items;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee facilitates the exchange of NSOs' promotion material by introducing a sharing platform that is easily accessible to Scouts of all levels within the World Scout Movement;
- the World Scout Committee encourages NSOs to share their best practices in the field of merchandising and promotional materials by contributing to this platform;
- the World Scout Committee works towards the launch of a section within the World Scout Shop where successful national clothing products can be purchased.

Recommendation J: LANGUAGE TRANSLATION FOR WOSM

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- in light of cultural and linguistic diversity inherent in the participants of the World Scout Youth Forum, and the level of participation needed to fully partake in the discussions of the Forum;
- recognizing that English and French as the official languages of WOSM (By-Law IV) are insufficient in adequately giving a voice to the Scouts in the world;
- recognizing that many Scouts who speak English and French non-natively do so at a disadvantage to their native English and French speaking colleagues;
- recognizing that the majority of Scouts in the world do not speak English or French as native languages;
- recognizing that those Scouts who do not speak English or French are severely limited in being able to participate in world Scouting;
- recognizing that such language inadequacies were made during 9th World Scout Youth Forum in Tunisia in 2005;

- o recognizing that the use of one's own language is an inherent human right, and that it empowers the individual;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee conducts a study, the results of which will be presented to the 40th World Scout Conference, on the feasibility of WOSM By-Law IV paragraph 1 being amended as: "The official languages of the World Organization are English, and French, and that the documents of WOSM are also available in Spanish, Arabic, and Russian." These are the five working languages of the Conference according to Resolution 9/99;
- bearing in mind the overwhelming cost of translation, and the lack of use of simultaneous translation at the Forum, the study focuses primarily on the translation of publications and the role that Regions and NSOs can play in the translation process;
- the World Scout Committee discusses adding Spanish as to the simultaneous translation offered at the World Scout Youth Forum, in order to have a better involvement of the youth participants, who cannot do so fully in English or French;
- the World Scout Committee affirms the value of each Scout's native language and his/her right to speak it, and promotes the use of said native languages in each country and on a world level, with considering at the next World Scout Conference the addition of a third paragraph to By-Law IV stating, "All languages spoken by Scouts are respected and valued by the World Organization, and the organization will promote and facilitate their use whenever possible."

Recommendation K: DIVERSITY OF SCOUTS AT NATIONAL LEVEL

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- o observing that inter-faith and spiritual dialogue is difficult to establish and often creates tensions between the different NSAs within a country;
- o appreciating the efforts put forward by WOSM to encourage better dialogue between different NSAs within a country;
- o

recommends the World Scout Committee:

- to keep encouraging NSAs within a Federation to cooperate and further work together, particularly at national and local levels.
- to encourage NSAs within Federations to acknowledge the fact that young people want greater communication between NSAs and should facilitate this.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION, PARTNERSHIPS, IMAGE AND BRANDING

Recommendation L: EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND YOUNG SPOKESPEOPLE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- o considering that Scouting is not separate from the wider society;
- o reaffirming that Scouting is a youth Movement supported by adults and thus Scouting should be represented by young people;
- o recognizing the demand by the NSOs for WOSM support for work in external relations;
- o noting that external representation by youth and youth involvement in the community are good tools for citizenship education;
- o noting with pleasure the great success of the Young Spokespeople initiative in several NSOs in raising youth participation and in creating a youth led image;

recommends that:

- that NSOs, the Regions and the World Scout Committee use more young Scouts as external representatives;
- that the World Scout Committee adopts the Young Spokespeople concept and creates guidelines for the initiative, thus giving an example to NSOs to do the same;
- that NSOs and the World Scout Committee facilitate co-operation between and mentoring for young Scouts working in external relations and as spokespeople.
- That the World Scout Committee recognises and actively promotes the wider impact that the Young Spokesperson scheme can have in youth participation, advocacy and wider community engagement and the part Young Spokespersons can play in updating our Brand and developing a more youth led image.

Recommendation M: REPRESENTING WORLD SCOUTING

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- applauding the initiative to see Scouting world-wide as a Movement attracting and retaining more and more young people (especially adolescents) of both genders and coming from broader segments of society;
- congratulating the World Scout Bureau and the World Scout Committee for the support and interest in young representation at International Events;
- recognizing the need to develop young people's full potential, supported by adults who are willing and able to carry out their educational role;
- valuing the opportunities that exist for Scouting to be represented in global Conferences and events related to civil society;

recommends to the World Scout Committee:

- that Scouting is represented at key global Conferences, to increase its profile and contribute to decision-making in wider society;
- to recruit delegates among young people with the necessary skills and experience to contribute to these events;
- that financial and human support is provided to ensure the delegation is fully trained and supported in their roles;
- to engage with local National Scout Organization in the planning and delivery of the practical arrangements to support these events.

Recommendation N: PARTNERSHIPS WOSM/COMMUNITY GROUPS, UNITED NATIONS AND NGO'S

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- noting the request expressed by the National Scout Organizations (NSOs) of support from the World Organization of the World Scout Movement (WOSM) in the construction of partnerships with community groups, Non- Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the United Nations;
- believing in the usefulness for NSOs to benefit from the experience, the competences, skills, training and professionalism of other community groups and NGOs in order to reach and fulfil the objectives of reaching out and diversity established in the strategic plan of 2002;
- recognizing the necessity of reinforcing partnerships between WOSM and the sphere of community groups and NGOs external to our Movement;

recommends to the World Scout Committee that:

- NSOs and the World Scout Committee boldly consider forming relations with other NGOs that share the values of Scouting in order to provide new educational proposals such as the World Scout Environment Badge and the Earth Hour, especially by networking with young Scouts who are already active in other NGOs, as well as the United Nations,
- That the World Scout Committee strengthens its relationship with different NGOs in order to actively facilitate better Scout projects and long-term partnerships between the NGOs and NSOs.
- a stronger consideration of the specific and professional competences and skills of community groups, NGOs and the United Nations to our Movement; competences that can bring concrete help and useful resources to the NSOs and their youth members;
- the idea of a World Scout Movement which is first open to the competences and skills of other organizations and community groups, in order to then ensure together a wider and stronger openness, diversity and impact (ethnic minorities, different wealth levels, different cultures, different religions, openness to people with disabilities...).

REACHING OUT

Recommendation O: WORLD ORGANIZATION OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS – REACHING OUT, CREATING A BETTER WORLD

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- reaffirming the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Woman, the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, Scouting still has a purpose to fill in the international work needed to be done protecting civil and human rights around the world;
- reaffirming that the recommendation J/08 and the 4th strategic priority "Reaching out", a number of strategic challenges are identified by the delegates during the 11th World Scout Youth Forum.
- noting that Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that: "Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status";
- recalling that recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world;
- reaffirming that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms the principle of the inadmissibility of discrimination and proclaims that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein without distinction of any kind;
- affirming that human rights education is a key to changing attitudes and behaviour and to promoting respect for diversity in societies,

recommends that:

- the World Organization of the Scout Movement has to stand up for these civil and human rights. A decision is necessary to give the World Scout Committee the objective of working on giving all members in Scouting all rights and freedoms stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, regardless of any distinction such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, sexual orientation, gender identity, birth or other status;
- the World Scout Committee:
 - expresses deep concern at the occurrence of violations and discriminations of human rights in the world against persons on the grounds of their race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, sexual orientation, gender identity, birth or other status;
 - stresses that human rights and fundamental freedoms are the birth right of all human beings, that the universal nature of these rights and freedoms is beyond question and that the enjoyment of such rights and freedoms should not be hindered in any way on the grounds of their race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, sexual orientation, gender identity, birth or other status;
 - reaffirms the aim and goals stated in the 4th strategic priority "Reaching out", focusing on Scouting becoming a force in the society giving impact to decision-making when it comes to work with diversity, civil- and human rights and working to reach out to different segments in the society;
 - identifies the need to develop partnerships with other non- government organizations to aid Scouting in becoming a greater force of impact in the society;
 - identifies the need for a more defined structure within the area, with a clear strategy, to be providing each National Scout Organization with support in working with diversity, civil- and human rights and reaching out to different segments in the society;

- identifies challenges that need to be addressed, e.g. cultural and religious aspects, and that there is a need for National Scout Organizations to develop their own strategies based on the overall mission defined by the World Organization of the Scout Movement, and that reaching out is more about integration than assimilation;
- identifies the need for the World Organization of the Scout Movement to collect and distribute best practices from National Scout Organizations, providing inspiration and help in creating strategies for National Scout Organizations to focus work on diversity, civil and human rights, and reaching out to different segments in society in a national or local perspectives;
- identifies the need for the World Organization of the Scout Movement to implement work on human rights education as a part of the guidelines on the Scout program for all age groups;
- stresses that the key to success is making sure that Scouting is an organization that is not exclusive on any grounds of discrimination, and that the World Organization of the Scout Movement is working on encouraging National Scout Organizations to actively work on diversity, civil and human rights and reaching out to different segments in society.

Recommendation P: YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- o inspired by the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 (Women, peace and security) and 1612 (War-affected children);
- o reaffirming the World Scout Youth Forum Recommendation E/08 on the Scouts of the World Award;
- o recognizing the responsibility of Scouting to respond to the needs and challenges of today's world and young people;
- o mindful of the fact that children and young people under 25 years of age constitute more than half of the world's population;
- o pointing out the fact that 1.3 billion young people will enter the labour market during the next ten years and only 0.3 billion of these young people are expected to find a job;
- o considering that these young people are the bridge-builders of today and the leaders and community-builders of tomorrow and thus play a crucial role in building global sustainable peace;
- o recognizing the important role of youth in peace-building;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee reaffirms its commitment to the Scouts of the World Award and other peace education initiatives; the World Scout Jamboree Organizing Committee keep up their good work in ensuring safe environments for cross-cultural understanding and peace education at the World Scout Jamboree 2011;
- the World Scout Committee follows this principle in steering future World Events.
- the World Scout Committee works towards general recognition of the role of young people in peace-building by the international community.

Recommendation Q: PROVISION OF SUPPORT FOR YOUTH MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES IN SCOUTING

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- o considering that a disability is a health condition, impairment or functional problem that could make it difficult for a young person to access or participate in Scouting activities;
- o realizing that the exact cultural, social and/or economic consequences of these difficulties will vary due to historical perspectives, country, or location;
- o realizing that without assistance and attention, people with disabilities may be marginalized and excluded from Scouting activities;
- o recognizing that the importance of inclusion within Scouting plays an important role in modifying community attitudes and behaviours towards young people with disabilities, thereby creating new partnerships and enlisting community co-operation in the integration and support of such people;

- o realizing that culturally, Scouting contributes to building communities that recognize and value diversity where there is a place for everyone;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee prioritizes inclusion of people with a disability for NSOs. There should be incentives to provide training and support materials for leaders within NSOs to encourage the participation of young people with disabilities.

Recommendation R: INTERFAITH AND SPIRITUAL DIALOGUE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- o affirming spiritual development as a fundamental part of the Programme of the Scout Movement created by Baden-Powell;
- o fully believing that our diversity of beliefs makes us strong;
- o noting with deep concern that the lack of inter-faith dialogue throughout the world is a source of conflict;

recommends that the World Scout Committee:

- invites the NSOs and NSAs to carry out different initiatives to promote inter- faith and spiritual dialogue.
- encourages NSOs and NSAs to establish specific guidelines to promote inter- faith dialogue and spiritual development.

ENVIRONMENT

Recommendation S: ENVIRONMENT

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- o Considering the 2005 report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that the Earth's total forest area continues to decrease at about 13 million hectares per year,
- o Recognising that the environment is central to the Scout Programme and a key element of developing good citizens of the world,
- o Noting that the importance of the environment to Scouting was highlighted at the 37th World Scout Conference with resolutions on environment education and sustainable development, 18/05 and 20/05,
- o Noting the World Scout Environmental Programme published at 38th World Scout Conference,
- o Recognizing that a significant amount of paper products are consumed in the production and provision of documents at world scouting events e.g. World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference,

recommends that:

- The World Scout Committee actively encourages World Scout Events to provide, where practicable, publications and documents in a digital format in order to reduce the environmental impact of the event.

Recommendation T: DOING A GOOD TURN FOR NATURE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- o recognizing wildlife as being one of the major resources that Mother Nature has provided us;
- o recognizing that the environmental issue has long been a consequential problem to the entire human race;
- o noting that despite being mentioned in the Scout Law, "A Scout is a friend to animals", little concern on native wildlife can be seen;
- o believing that this issue requires our devoted attention;
- o believing that it is vital for pragmatic actions to be implemented in Scouting in order to sustain our current rate of development;
- o believing that environmental stability should be one of our major concerns, which needs our instant action;

- noting that the environmental badge covers a lot of areas, such as environmental impact assessment and pollution concern;
- regrettably noting that there is little action taken by our Scout members despite campaigns: namely, the Earth hour, World Environment Day and an environmental impact assessment on world events;
- realizing that fulfilling these actions is not enough;

recommends that:

- the guidelines regarding environmental issues provided by WOSM include mainly examples of possible different kinds of programmes;
- the guidelines regarding environmental issues should be goal-oriented to inform Scouts of what they could change;
- carbon footprint should be conducted at the same time as conducting the environmental impact assessment;
- observation skills on wildlife and environmental practices be encouraged;
- partnerships between Scouting and experts be established.

WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORA

Recommendation U: IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognising the need of constant reviewing of the purpose and value of the WSYF;
- having in mind the increasing number of youth delegates attending both the WSYF and World Scout Conference;
- respecting the value of sharing ideas, experiences and best practices, as well as learning from each other at the WSYF;
- recognising the importance of the educational framework for the Forum;
- recognising that the largest impact on World Scouting that members of the Youth Forum have is through the drafting of recommendations, both on topics raised at the Forum in the agenda and on topics they suggest themselves;
- further recognising that delegates to the Youth Forum are most motivated by the drafting of recommendations;

recommends:

- changes in the balance between Conference preparation sessions, world issues, NSO knowledge and experience sharing, and recommendations; the reduction of Conference preparation sessions, particularly those that will be repeated during the Conference training sessions for first-time attendees and those that the youth voice can be sufficiently heard through their participation in Conference discussion sessions;
- an increase in NSO experience, knowledge and best practice sharing, as well as time for the collaboration of NSOs on issues affecting them;
- an increase in the emphasis placed on recommendations and their drafting.

Recommendation V: FORUM WORKING CULTURE AND GOALS

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognizing that a continuous and coherent culture at the World Scout Youth Forums is a prerequisite for a responsible and sustainable culture of youth involvement;
- pointing out that such a culture can only be nurtured through continuous improvement;
- taking into account that the participants of each World Scout Youth Forum must have a chance to make those decisions which they consider important while maintaining the coherence and continuity of the Forum;
- believing that many of the topics of interest to young people are complex and achieving the aspirations of young people regarding these topics can take several triennia and Fora to complete;

recommends that:

- the next World Scout Youth Forum set clear long-term goals for the Forum and its educational objectives for the next three triennia and that these goals are reviewed at the beginning of each Forum;
- the World Scout Committee takes these goals into account when making decisions on the World Scout Youth Forum Guidelines;
- the WSYF Planning Committee and the World Scout Committee allocate enough space in the programme of the World Scout Youth Forum for considering long-term goals, reporting and conclusions of the Forum.

Recommendation W: CONTINUITY IN THE WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORA

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognizing that the WSYF Final Report is a channel of communication from one Forum to another;
- recognizing that follow-up of the issues and ideas considered at the Forum is an important part of creating a continuous and coherent culture at the Fora;
- noting that the reports do not at the moment provide sufficient information for the critical appraisal of the achievements and ideas of the previous Forum;
- emphasizing that many of the Recommendations are long-term and strategically oriented;

recommends that:

- the WSYF Planning Committee and the World Scout Committee ensure that enough space is allocated at the Forum to consider and evaluate the Recommendations and the conclusions of the previous Forum;
- the WSYF Planning Committee considers prior to the Youth Forum whether the Recommendations and the conclusions of the previous Forum have been achieved and, if this has not happened, put them up for discussion at the next Forum.

Recommendation X: YOUTH ADVISORS ABILITY TO PUT FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- acknowledging that the Youth Forum represents the young people in WOSM and should have the best possible background information to make recommendations;
- keeping in mind that Youth Advisors are chosen by the World Scout Youth Forum to represent young people at the World Scout Committee meetings, and due to this experience they are best capable of linking ideas and identifying areas of improvement in World Scouting;
- further noting that this knowledge and experience should be better communicated to the next World Scout Youth Forum;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee changes the guidelines to allow the Youth Advisors to have the opportunity to propose recommendations to the Forum.
- However Youth Advisors cannot second any recommendation and recommendations must be seconded by no fewer than 2 NSOs.

Recommendation Y: PREPARATION OF THE WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM PARTICIPANTS

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognizing the importance of the World Scout Youth Forum in allowing youth in Scouting to discuss matters of importance in global Scouting;
- affirming the goal of global Scouting for youth involvement in decision-making in Scouting;
- acknowledging the importance of the preparation of delegates for this major world event;

recommends that:

- youth delegates and delegations to the Forum be given the opportunity to submit to the planning committee items for discussion, prior to the event;

- that communication and documents be sent by email directly to pre-registered youth delegates, in addition to NSO's;
- a mentorship structure to be established at the Forum, where delegates who have attended a Forum previously, mentor and guide newer delegates and delegations;
- NSOs should make sure through preparation meetings that the participants to the WSYF are well prepared regarding the material and the documents as well as the topics of the Forum and the Conference.