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The Interamerican Scout Committee proposes to the 2018 Interamerican Scout Conference to adopt the Amendments to the Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Region contained in this Conference Document 10A.

These proposed Constitutional Amendments are moved by the Interamerican Scout Committee in accordance with the approved Rules of Procedure for the 2018 Interamerican Scout Conference. Each proposed Constitutional Amendment is presented and organized below according to the flow of the present Constitution. A brief explanation or justification, the text of the Constitutional Amendment, and Background Information are included for each proposed Constitutional Amendment.

This document should be studied and discussed by your Member Organization and brought to the Conference by your delegation. More details on the handling of the proposed Constitutional Amendments during the Conference in terms of opportunities for discussion, further amendment and the order of voting will be shared in Conference Document 10C.

The text of the present Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Region (March 2017) can be downloaded from the World Scouting website at: <https://www.scout.org/constitucionIARconstitution>
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Languages

The official languages of the Interamerican Scout Region are English and Spanish. The World Scout Bureau, Interamerican Support Centre will make all Conference Documents available in both languages. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Conference Document or any other official document of the World Organization, the English text shall prevail.

01 Constitutional Amendment – Scout Method

Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Constitutional Amendment:

- The 2014 World Scout Conference adopted the World Scout Youth Programme Policy. Informed by the policy, the Conference urged the World Scout Committee to reconsider the way in which the Scout Method's educational aims are expressed.
- The 2017 World Scout Conference approved a constitutional change to the WOSM Constitution setting out the key elements of the redefined Scout Method.
- The proposed amendment is aligned with the current wording of WOSM Constitution, as proposed by the Constitutions Committee.

The Conference,

- Adopts the following amendments to the Regional Constitution, with the consequent renumbering of all the other Articles:

Existing Provisions	Proposed Amendments
None	<p><i>Add:</i></p> <p>Article 1</p> <p>The purpose of the Interamerican Scout Region is to assist the World Organization of the Scout Movement in fostering the Scout Movement in the Interamerican Scout Region in accordance with the purpose, principles and method of the Scout Movement as defined by the Constitution of the World Organization.</p>

Background Information provided by the **World Scout Bureau, Interamerican Support Centre:**

Policy Implications	Regional Constitution; Educational Methods Strategic Priority area.
Historical Background	Conference Resolution 2014-08: adoption of the World Scout Youth Programme Policy; Triennial Plan 2014-2017: Objective under Educational Method priority and Youth Programme area, to revisit the Scout Method; WOSM Constitution Article III, Scout Method: amendment approved in 2017.
Resources	Not applicable.

02 Constitutional Amendment – Electronic Communications

Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Constitutional Amendment:

- To allow formally for electronic communications.
- To avoid any possible challenge to the manner of communication on constitutional grounds.
- The proposed amendment is aligned with the current wording of WOSM Constitution, as proposed by the Constitutions Committee.

The Conference,

- Adopts the following amendments to the Regional Constitution:

Existing Provisions	Proposed Amendments
None	<p>Add:</p> <p>Article 8 (if Constitutional Amendment 01 is approved)</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>k) In appropriate circumstances determined by the Regional Scout Committee there may be a referendum by post or electronic communication to Member Organizations between meetings of the Regional Scout Conference when the same rules as voting, majority and in the event of a tie shall apply.</p>

Background Information provided by the **World Scout Bureau, Interamerican Support Centre:**

Policy Implications	Regional Constitution Article 7 (current numbering).
Historical Background	The proposed amendment is aligned with the current wording of WOSM Constitution, as proposed by the Constitutions Committee.
Resources	Cost savings by sending out communications electronically rather than by post. This has been the practice since 2012.

03 Constitutional Amendment – Virtual Meetings

Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Constitutional Amendment:

- To avoid any possible challenge to the manner of holding meetings on constitutional grounds.
- Virtual attendance is outlined in the Standing Orders of the Interamerican Scout Committee and electronic communication technology is a phrase used in other organizations.
- The proposed amendment is aligned with the current wording of WOSM Constitution, as proposed by the Constitutions Committee.

The Conference,

- Adopts the following amendments to the Regional Constitution:

Existing Provisions	Proposed Amendments
<p>Article 21</p> <p>The Regional Committee shall hold ordinary meetings at least twice per year at a venue decided by its members.</p>	<p>Article 21</p> <p>The Regional Committee shall hold ordinary meetings at least twice per year at a venue decided by its members. Such meetings may be held using electronic communication technology. Virtual attendance of individuals is permitted.</p>

Background Information provided by the **World Scout Bureau, Interamerican Support Centre:**

Policy Implications	Regional Constitution Article 21.
Historical Background	The proposed amendment is aligned with the current wording of WOSM Constitution, as proposed by the Constitutions Committee.
Resources	Potential cost savings due to reduced need to travel to meetings.