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13th World Scout Youth Forum Gathers Young Scouts Leaders from Around the World

7 August 2017, Gabala, Azerbaijan: More than 325 people from over 120 National Scout Organizations worldwide have gathered in one of the most ancient cities of Azerbaijan for the 13th World Scout Youth Forum, making it the biggest and the most diverse Forum ever in World Scouting history.

Organised by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and hosted by the Association of the Scouts of Azerbaijan, the World Scout Youth Forum is an event that empowers and inspires young people through a participatory approach, helping them to develop vital decision-making skills which can be used within Scouting and in society.

Throughout the Forum, themed "Dream... Believe... Act...", participants will attend sessions focused on Active citizenship, Sustainability and Leadership, as well as presentations on various topics.

In addition to this, the Forum will hold an election of six Youth Advisors to the 2017-2020 World Scout Committee. Once elected, they will be assigned with the role of increasing youth participation in the decision-making process of WOSM, and will take part in the meetings of the World Scout Committee in the next three years.

Jérémy Apert, Chairperson of the Forum and outgoing Youth Advisor said that "the World Scout Youth Forum a unique opportunity for young people to have a voice in the future of our Movement and be the leaders of today".

Upon the conclusion of the 13th World Scout Youth Forum, most of the participants will also attend the 41st World Scout Conference, which will be held from the 14-18 August 2017 in the city of Baku, Azerbaijan.

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About the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

Scouting is one of the world's leading educational youth movements, engaging millions of young people around the world to be active citizens to create positive changes in the communities they live in. Founded by Lord Baden-Powell in 1907, WOSM is a confederation of 167 National Scout Organizations in a network of over 40 million Scouts in at least 224 countries and territories worldwide. As it has been doing for more than a century – creating a better world – it will continue to do so, and even better with the many Messengers of Peace across the globe.

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