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41st World Scout Conference Concludes with Call to Drive Further Growth and Deepen Impact

18 August 2017, Baku, Azerbaijan: At the Closing Session of the 41st World Scout Conference, the Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), Ahmad Alhendawi, called on the Conference/Member Organizations to drive further growth and deepen impact.

“Vision 2023 is not something owned only by some staff in the World Scout Bureau or by the World Scout Committee. It is the collective dream and ambition of all of us, 169 National Scout Organizations around the world. So, if there is one message I want you all to take home, it’s that – it is in our hands. We can do this. We will do this.”

The Conference adopted the 2017-2020 Triennial Plan, the next iteration of the Strategy for Scouting, which will bolster efforts to achieve Vision 2023. The Vision was adopted in 2014, at the 40th World Scout Conference in Slovenia.

More than 1,100 participants attended the conference, representing at least 160 National Scout Association (NSO) from all six WOSM Regions. Making it the largest in the history of World Scouting.

Two National Scout Organizations, the Iraq Scout Association and The Scout Association of Macau, were officially declared as members of WOSM. The Conference also voted for the Korea Scout Association as the host of the 25th World Scout Jamboree, to be held in 2023.

Member Organizations elected the 12 members of the 2017-2020 World Scout Committee, which will be led by its Chairperson, Craig Turpie (United Kingdom) as well as Jemima Natemle Nartey (Ghana) and Edward Andrew “Andy” Chapman (United States of America) who will serve as the Vice-Chairs.

Their three-year term will end in 2020 at the 42nd World Scout Conference which will be hosted in Sharm el-Sheikh by The Egyptian Federation for Scouts and Girl Guides (EFSGGs). The NSO will also host the 14th World Scout Youth Forum in Cairo, prior to the Conference.

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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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