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To: Chief Commissioners
    International Commissioners
    Chief Scout Executives

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23rd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference 2009
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION &
BY-LAWS and RULES OF PROCEDURE

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to APR Circular No. 3, dated 26 January 2009 on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, Rules and Procedure and Resolutions, the following three proposals have been received as of closing date of 26 April 2009:

Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Constitution

Chapter IV – The Regional Scout Committee

Article VIII, Clause 5: Resignations, Vacancies

Original text:

In the interval between meetings of the Conference, the Committee may accept resignations and fill vacancies as follows:

(a) The position of an elected member in the Committee shall be ipso facto vacant when such member resigns or no longer belongs to a Member Organization.

(b) Any vacancy caused by the death of a member, through resignation or for any other reason shall be filled by a person co-opted by the Committee until the next meeting of the conference, when a new member shall be elected for the unexpired term.

(c) Members who fill a vacancy under 5(b) above are eligible as nominees to the next regular list of nominations and shall be eligible for the full six-year term commencing from the date of election.

Proposed amendments:

In the interval between meetings of the Conference, the Committee may:
(a) Accept the resignation of an elected member;

(b) Terminate the membership if an elected member fails or neglects to attend two or more consecutive meetings of the Committee without reasonable excuse;

(c) Declare the membership of an elected member vacant if the member dies, becomes mentally incapacitated or shall no longer belong to a member organization;

(d) Fill any vacancy caused by the resignation, termination, death, mental incapacity or any other reason, of a member, by a person co-opted by the Committee until the next meeting of the conference, when a new member shall be elected.

(e) Members who fill a vacancy under 5(d) above are eligible as nominees to the next regular list of nominations and shall be eligible for the full six-year term commencing from the date of election.

*proposed by Singapore Scout Association, seconded by Nepal Scouts and Boy Scouts of the Philippines*

Article VIII, Clause 7: Officers

Original text:

The Chairman shall be entitled to attend meetings of the World Scout Committee with consultative status.

Proposed Amendment:

The Chairman or Vice Chairman elected under Article VIII (6) shall become an Ex-officio non-voting member of the World Scout Committee.

*proposed by Sri Lanka Scout Association and seconded by Nepal Scouts*

**Rules of Procedures – Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference**

Item No. 8. Resolutions and Amendments

Original text:

(a) Before any Resolution or Amendment can be put to the Conference, it must be formally proposed and seconded. The proposer and the seconder shall not both be from the same Member Organization (or country).

Proposed Amendment:

(a) Before any resolution or amendment can be put to the Conference, it must be formally proposed by the Regional Scout Committee or proposed by a member Scout organization and seconded by no less than one other member Scout organization.

*proposed by the Regional Scout Committee*

Please be informed that the amendment would be presented to the 23rd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference on October 2009 in Malaysia for adoption.

Thank you and more power.

Yours Sincerely,

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