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To: Chief Commissioners
International Commissioners
Chief Scout Executives

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Educating young people on Human Rights

Dear Colleagues:

Greetings!

On behalf of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, we would like to bring to your attention to the Conference Business Resolution No. 13/12, which was adopted during the 24th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference. Copies of the resolutions of this conference was sent to National Scout Organizations through our Regional Circular No. 2, Series of 2013.

The conference acknowledged that the issue of Human Rights, especially within the context of the rights enumerated in the Declaration, is a valid and relevant topic for discussion. But caution must be considered in any discussions on Human Rights issues in Scouting and at the same time should be handled with utmost wisdom and maturity to avoid critical conflict.

In the light of the resolution, the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee would like to remind all National Scout Organization that such discussions should be within the context of educating young people on such rights, and should not be a platform for the advocacy of or against any particular position, view or ideals.

The committee would like to remind all National Scout Organization that the topic of Human Rights is a broad subject, relating to many areas of human existence and experience, and that Scouting should therefore not give undue focus to any individual issue within the context of Human Rights.

The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee request your National Scout Organization to inform us of any action that you have taken on the recommendation of the conference.

Please send us the attached reply slip not later than 15 September 2014.

With best regards,

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