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This Conference Document provides an overview of the applications for membership received by the World Scout Bureau and recommended by the World Scout Committee for consideration by the World Scout Conference in the Triennium 2014-2017

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Introduction

During the Triennium 2014-2017, the World Scout Committee considered so far 8 applications for membership from National Scout Organizations which were duly reviewed:

- through field visits conducted by the World Scout Bureau, and
- for compliance with the WOSM Constitution Chapters I, II and III by its Constitutions Committee.

Applications approved by the World Scout Conference through postal ballot

The following applications were recommended by the World Scout Committee for WOSM membership to the World Scout Conference through the postal ballot process as outlined in Article VI.2 of the WOSM Constitution. Their admission was unopposed or opposed by less than 5% of the Member Organizations for admission, and as such were declared Members of WOSM:

- Scouting Aruba, as the National Scout Organization of **Aruba**, on 27 February 2016,
- Scouting Antiano, as the National Scout Organization of **Curaçao**, on 27 February 2016,
- Palestinian Scout Association¹, as the National Scout Organization of the **State of Palestine**, on 27 February 2016,
- Myanmar Scout, as the National Scout Organization of **Republic of the Union of Myanmar**, on 11 August 2016,
- The Seychelles Scouts Association, as the National Scout Organization of the **Republic of Seychelles**, on 14 December 2016.

In line with past practice, the following Resolution will be considered "as approved through postal ballots" by the 2017 World Scout Conference.

Note that the WOSM membership applications of The Scout Association of São Tomé and Príncipe and União Nacional dos Escuteiros de Timor Leste were still pending at the time of release of this Conference Document. These and any others that might still be approved prior to the opening of the Conference, in accordance with WOSM Constitutional provisions, will be added to the below Resolution.

2017-A Registration of new Member Organizations

The Conference,

records with pleasure the admission of the following members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement:

- *Effective 27 February 2016*
 - Scouting Aruba
 - Scouting Antiano (Curaçao)
 - Palestinian Scout Association
- *Effective 11 August 2016*
 - Myanmar Scout
- *Effective 14 December 2016*
 - The Seychelles Scouts Association

Already approved by the World Scout Conference through postal ballots

¹ The Palestinian Scout Association was conditionally recognized as a Member Organization of WOSM, without voting rights, as a consequence of Resolution 1996-01 of the World Scout Conference in Norway. Following a decision of the World Scout Committee in August 2014 regarding the evolution of the international recognition of the State of Palestine, the Palestinian Scout Association filed an application for "full" Membership of WOSM with the World Scout Bureau

Applications referred to the 2017 meeting of the World Scout Conference

The following application was recommended by the World Scout Committee for WOSM membership to the World Scout Conference through the postal ballot process as outlined in Article VI.2 of the WOSM Constitution. Its admission was **opposed by 9 Member Organisations**, which is more **than 5% of WOSM's Membership**. As such the decision was referred to the 2017 meeting of the World Scout Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan.

- The Scout Association of Macau, as the National Scout Organization of Macao

The vote on this application will be taken by the Conference on Wednesday 16 August, after the conclusion of the session on Constitutional Amendments. Admission will require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, in line with Article VI.2 of the WOSM Constitution. A **fact sheet** about The Scout Association of Macau can be accessed [through this link](#)².

As a consequence, the World Scout Committee moves the Resolution below for consideration by the 2017 World Scout Conference.

2017-B Membership Application – The Scout Association of Macau

The Conference,

- considering the application for WOSM membership on 13 December 2014 of The Scout Association of Macau,
- being aware of its Associate Membership of WOSM's Asia-Pacific Region since 1983,
- noting the recommendation of the World Scout Committee for membership,
- noting the opposition of nine Member Organizations (more than five percent of WOSM's Membership) during the postal ballot initiated by the World Scout Committee in accordance with Article VI.1 of the WOSM Constitution, resulting in the referral of the application to this meeting of the World Scout Conference,
- recalling that the Purpose of WOSM is to promote unity and facilitate expansion of the Scout Movement,
- approves the application for WOSM membership of The Scout Association of Macau;
- declares as of 16 August 2017 The Scout Association of Macau a Member Organization of WOSM, as the National Scout Organization representing Macao.

Proposed by: The World Scout Committee

This Draft Resolution requires a two-thirds majority of the votes cast to be accepted (Article VI.2 and XI.2 of the WOSM Constitution).

Further questions

Should your delegation have any further questions regarding this Conference Document, do not hesitate to contact David Berg, Global Director, Organizational Development at the World Scout Bureau. (dberg@scout.org).

² www.scout.org/macaufacts