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Voting on Constitutional
Amendments



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This Conference Document 7C proposes a structure on voting during the Conference plenary session to facilitate decision-making.

For any **further questions or clarifications**, you can reach out to Charles Ng, Manager Constitutions & Legal Affairs at the World Scout Bureau (charlesng@scout.org).

Online Q&A sessions on the proposed Constitutional Amendments will be organised in the first half of July 2017, offering delegations an opportunity to directly interact with Members of the World Scout Committee and the Constitutions Committee as well as the proposing Member Organization and increase understanding of the Constitutional Amendments put forward. Watch WOSM’s social media channels for more information when these Q&A’s will be scheduled.

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Languages

The official languages of the World Organization are English and French. The World Scout Bureau will make all Conference Documents available in both languages. When possible, it endeavours to make them available also in Arabic, Russian and Spanish - the three additional working languages of WOSM. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Conference Document or any other official document of the World Organization, the English text shall prevail.

Decisions on Constitutional Amendments

There will be a plenary session of the World Scout Conference on the afternoon of Wednesday, 16 August 2017 during which the Conference is invited to arrive at decisions on the proposed Constitutional Amendments.

The Constitutional Amendments which have been proposed under Article XXV of the WOSM Constitution are contained in **Conference Document 7A** (Amendments to the Constitution of WOSM proposed by the World Scout Committee) and **Conference Document 7B** (Amendments to the Constitution of WOSM proposed by Member Organizations). No new Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed to this Conference since the deadline for advance notice has expired.

Pursuant to Conference Document 2 (Rules of Procedure-RoP) Rule 6.3.b, proposals to make further Amendments to the proposed Constitutional Amendments contained in Conference Documents 7A and 7B may be submitted starting two months before the start of the World Scout Conference.

The Rules of Procedure allow for Amendments to be submitted until 14:00 hrs on Wednesday 16 August 2017. However, the **World Scout Committee strongly encourages Member Organizations to submit any Amendments pertaining to the Constitutional Amendments session before 14:00 hrs on Tuesday 15 August 2017**. This is to provide time for the World Scout Bureau to translate and distribute any proposals for Amendments to all Member Organizations for reviewing prior to the session.

Any proposed Amendment must be proposed and seconded by different Member Organizations (RoP Rule 6.3.c). Please note also that, in line with RoP Rule 6.3.g, such Amendments may be made **only** where they:

- **remove ambiguities** or otherwise **clarify** the draft which has been circulated, or
- in the opinion of the Resolutions Committee **represent an intermediate position** between the proposed Constitutional Amendments circulated and the status quo.

In case the Resolutions Committee resolves that a proposed Amendment does not comply with the above requirements, it will inform the concerned Member Organization as soon as possible and the Amendment will be ruled out of order. The decision of the Resolutions Committee will be final.

Several **break-out sessions** regarding the different proposed Amendments will be scheduled on **Tuesday morning 15 August 2017** to allow Member Organizations to debate and increase their understanding of the proposals in smaller groups. There is no intention to establish a Select Committee to debate any of the proposed Constitutional Amendments.

To facilitate formal decision-making, the following structure for the Conference plenary session is proposed:

- The proposed Constitutional Amendments will be taken **chapter by chapter** of the Constitution, as outlined in the voting procedure below.
- After each proposed Constitutional Amendment has been formally moved by the proposer, an opportunity will be provided for plenary **debate** amongst the delegations.
- In case **additional Amendments** have been received, a vote will first be taken on the additional Amendment(s).
 - After all additional Amendments have been considered, the final proposed Constitutional Amendment (as amended) will be put to vote.
 - In case several **contradictory additional Amendments** need to be considered, the Resolutions Committee will decide the order in which the Amendments are considered.
- Votes taken during this plenary session of the Conference will require a **two-thirds majority** and will be final.
- At the end of the session, a **final vote** will be taken to grant authority to the World Scout Committee to deal with minor text corrections when producing a new edition of the WOSM Constitution.

Proposed Voting Procedure

References are to the numbered proposals of Conference Document 7A, in which proposed Amendments are shown in *red*. Other references are to proposed Amendments from Member Organizations contained in Conference Document 7B.

Discussion followed by voting in the following order:

Chapter I – The Scout Movement

Vote No. 1: Article III - a single vote on the proposed Amendment to the **Scout Method** (Doc 7A – Amendment 01)

Chapter II – Title, Purpose and Organs of the World Organizations

(no amendments proposed)

Chapter III - Membership

Vote No. 2: Article VI and Article V.11 – a single vote on the proposed Amendments to the Procedure and Unity of the Movement pertaining to **WOSM Membership** (Doc 7A – Amendment 02)

Vote No. 3: Chapter III, Article VI.1 and Chapter IV, Article XI.4 – a single vote on the proposed Amendments to the Procedure and Voting pertaining to the inclusion of **Electronic Communications** (Doc 7A – Amendment 03)

Vote No. 4: Article VI.2 – a single vote on the proposed Amendment to the Procedure pertaining to the **Voting Period for Membership** (Doc 7A – Amendment 04)

Vote No. 5: Article VII.3(d) – a single vote on the Amendment to the **Obligations of Member Organizations** (Doc 7A – Amendment 05)

Chapter IV – The World Scout Conference

Vote No. 6: Chapter IV and Chapter V – a single vote on the **proposal by Kazakhstan** regarding the addition of Article XIII an Article XVII.7 pertaining to **Strengthening the Role of Youth in Decision-making** (Doc 7B)

Chapter V – The World Scout Committee

Vote No. 7: Article XIII.4 – a single vote on the Amendment to Vacancies pertaining to **Co-options to the World Scout Committee** (Doc 7A – Amendment 06)

Vote No. 8: Article XVI.1 – a single vote on the Amendment to Meetings and Committee pertaining to the inclusion of **Virtual Meetings** (Doc 7A – Amendment 07)

Vote No. 9: Article XIV.1(v) – a single vote on the Amendment to Functions pertaining to the **Functions of the World Scout Committee, financial reporting** (Doc 7A – Amendment 08)

Chapter VI – The World Scout Bureau

Vote No. 10: Article XVII – a single vote on the Amendment to Composition by adding Article XVII.3 pertaining to the determination of the **Location of World Scout Bureau Offices** (Doc 7A – Amendment 09)

Chapter VII - Regions

Vote No. 11: Article XX – a single vote on the Amendment to Composition and adding Article XX.3 to introduce the provision for the **Dissolution of Regions** (Doc 7A – Amendment 10)

Chapter VIII – Miscellaneous provisions

Vote No. 12: Article XXIII.1 – a single vote on the Amendment to Finances pertaining to the **Annual Registration Fee** (Doc 7A – Amendment 11)

Vote No. 13: Chapter VIII - a single vote on the Amendment to Miscellaneous Provisions by adding Article XXVI pertaining to **Dissolution of WOSM** (Doc 7A – Amendment 12)

Final vote

Vote No. 14: a single vote granting authority to the World Scout Committee to deal with minor textual corrections in producing a new edition.