

40e World Scout Conference

PROPOSED CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

Note: The proposal is being communicated to all NSOs in the form in which it was received by the World Scout Bureau. As part of its responsibilities, the Resolutions Committee of the Conference will undertake any necessary redrafting before the proposal is considered by the Conference. See Conference Document No. 2, Rules of Procedure.

Expansion of Scouting

Moved by: Georgia,

Seconded by: Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Armenia

The World Scout Conference

- acknowledging that the World Scout Movement has a big potential to support the efforts of the National Scout Organizations in increasing membership as well as the Scout Regions in expanding to the countries not yet represented in the WOSM;
 - stating that the World Organization of the Scout Movement is a reliable partner of the UN (including UNDP, UNICEF and other UN programmes) and maintains partnerships with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, WWF and other world organizations cherishing similar values;
 - supporting and inspiring initiatives of the Scout Regions and the National Scout Organizations to develop partnership with the regional and local structures of the UN and other international partner organizations;
 - reaffirming importance of the resolutions 7/63, 3/99, 11/08 and 5/11 adopted by the several World Scout Conferences
- urges the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau to extend managerial support to the expansion initiatives of the Scout Regions, using and multiplying Global Support activities;
 - calls on the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau to practice the partnership with the UN and with other international organizations and to ensure wider representation of the World Scout Movement on large and/or important National, Regional and International events (particularly those organized in the countries where scouting is not well established), thus promoting and strengthening scout image;
 - encourages the Regional Scout Committees to incorporate expansion policies and initiatives in their action plans;
 - encourages the National Scout Organizations to take advantage of the WOSM partnership agreements with the UN and other international organizations for benefit of expansion.

Additional comments from NSO:

Resolutions adopted by World Scout Conferences

Greece, 1963

7/63 Expansion

The Conference welcomes the proposals of the World Committee to secure increased Scouting membership, especially in those countries having ample scope for expansion.

Urges all these countries to participate fully in this drive to bring Scouting to many more boys.

South Africa, 1999

3/99 Mission Statement

The Conference

- commending the World Scout Committee's Strategy Task Force for the preparation of the discussion on the mission statement
- appreciating the participatory process that has been followed since the Oslo Conference in the work to develop a mission statement
- adopts the mission statement for Scouting proposed by the Select Committee, as amended
- urges the World Scout Committee, Regional Scout Committees and National Scout Organizations to disseminate the mission statement as widely as possible and do their utmost to facilitate the understanding and implementation of it
- invites the World Scout Committee to continue its work on the development of the various formulations of the mission statement and the conditions necessary for its achievement, taking into account the output of the discussions at this Conference, and to present a progress report to the next World Scout Conference.

Korea, 2008

11/08 Membership Development

The Conference

- noting that the WOSM Constitution states that the World Organization should facilitate the expansion and development of Scouting
- believing that membership growth is a key challenge for Scouting around the world
- recognising that the Strategy for Scouting and the seven Strategic Priorities provide a framework to support the growth and development of the Movement
- believing that each National Scout Organization has valuable experiences to share with other National Scout Organizations in similar situations
- acknowledging that varying demographics around the world will have an impact on membership and thus membership growth should be measured as market share of the available youth population
- recognising the important work done by the European Scout Region in the area of membership growth
- encourages all National Scout Organizations, especially those in areas of the world where membership is not expanding, to take action in relation to membership growth
- requests the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to give priority to supporting action for growth by National Scout Organizations
- encourages Regional Scout Committees to review their regional action plans to incorporate a focus on membership growth and identify initiatives to support this.

Brazil, 2011

5/11 The Strategy for Scouting

The Conference

- believing that the Strategy for Scouting provides direction to the Movement and supports its cohesion
- accepting that achieving Scouting's potential – in relation to the quality of youth programme, recruitment and support of adults, its position as the leading non-formal educational youth organization in society, and its reach to all aspects of society – remains a challenge for many National Scout Organizations
- valuing the progress made in many National Scout Organizations in relation to the development and growth of Scouting in their society
- noting that National Scout Organizations have used the elements of the Strategy for Scouting in different ways to support their development and growth
- acknowledging that each National Scout Organization has valuable experiences and leaders with skills and expertise to share with other National Scout Organizations
- affirms the Strategy for Scouting and its seven strategic priorities as a framework for the development of Scouting at national level for the next triennium
- strongly encourages National Scout Organizations to continue to use the seven strategic priorities as a basis for the development of their own national strategies designed to provide better Scouting for more young people
- requests the World Scout Committee to develop and implement a consultancy approach to providing targeted support to National Scout Organizations to facilitate their development and growth, drawing on the resources available in National Scout Organizations and at regional level
- requests National Scout Organizations to engage in the consultancy approach with world and regional bodies and with other National Scout Organizations in providing and receiving support to give impetus to the growth and development of the Movement.