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INTRODUCTION

"Paddle your own Canoe" was the theme to guide participants through the work of the 11th World Scout Youth Forum. When Lord Baden Powell wrote this phrase he invited young adults to lead their life, to paddle through the difficulties and dangers and successfully reach their goals, and by doing so, becoming leaders in their own societies and citizens of the world.

The participants at the World Scout Youth Forum demonstrated that they were more than capable of leading their own lives in a constructive way as Scouts, and also capable of being the leaders of innovation that the Scout Movement needs, in its second century - if they are given the opportunity and responsibility of doing so. The engagement of young people at the World Scout Youth Forum was overwhelming. There was no corner of the Forum venue where a discussion on any of the topics of the Forum was not held.

Openly debating the main challenges and topics on the Agenda of the 39th World Scout Conference, the Forum participants took the initiative of being part of the solution by adopting 26 Recommendations and arranging for four of them to be adopted as Resolutions at the Conference.

Once again, we would like to thank all NSOs that participated at the 11th WSYF for recognizing the capacities and readiness of young people in the Movement today for creating a better world.

Yours in Scouting,

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum was held at Hotel Viena Park in Blumenau, Brazil from 3rd – 6th January 2011. The Forum started with an introductory session on key operational issues namely explanation of the simultaneous interpretation system and voting procedure; presentation and adoption of the agenda; Forum objectives, contents and working methods; adoption of the Rules of Procedure and appointment of the recommendations committee and tellers.

Reports

The Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee reported on their activities in the triennium 2008-2011 and outlined the follow-up made on the 10th World Scout Youth Forum Recommendations since Korea in 2008. Six regional reports were presented and are available at scout.org in both English and French.

The Earth Hour

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum, also in light of Recommendation H of the 10th World Scout Youth Forum, took the opportunity to be part of this global statement for the environment by organizing an Earth Hour activity. On the 2nd of January 2011, at 20:00hrs, the participants reflected upon their actions to benefit the environment and discussed them during a candle light dinner, once again demonstrating strong devotion to environmental protection and commitment of the Movement to continue participating in this world campaign.

“Paddle your own Canoe”

was the theme of the 11th World Scout Youth Forum, forming the base for the two working themes: ‘Youth Empowerment’ and ‘Scouting as a Worldwide Movement’. Youth Empowerment: included topics such as Vision and Strategy on Youth Involvement in WOSM, Rights of Young People, Skills for Life and Personal Commitment while Scouting as a World Wide Movement: included Revitalizing Young Adults Programme, Governance in WOSM and its structure, Impact of Scouting in Society, the Strategy for Scouting, Tell the story and the Future of Scouting. Topics of the Forum were handled in three phases of progression:

- i. Explore: opportunity in which participants shared information on global issues and those in the Agenda.
- ii. Develop: assisting the participants in developing skills and deeper knowledge for building their capacity to respond
- iii. Respond: taking concrete actions and committing oneself for the future.

Regional Meetings

The WSYF Planning Committee allocated sufficient time for Regional Meetings during the Forum. Participants were then able to address Regional matters, to discuss Regional goals and plans and the Recommendation proposals. Participants embraced this opportunity and demonstrated strong desire to establish contacts with NSOs and NSAs from their own Regions, but also from other Regions. Thus, several inter-Regional meetings took place as well. The commitment, open dialogue and honest cooperation during the Regional meetings and informal gatherings are to be appreciated. The International Coffee breaks were another possibility to explore Scouting and the culture in different Regions. Each day, two Regions hosted a coffee break, giving participants the opportunity to learn, as well as network with countries from other parts of the world.

Live Streaming

For the first time in the history of World Scouting, the Forum was broadcast live on the web site. The main presentations and plenary work was available at scout.org through live streaming. This was another way of encouraging wider participation in the work of the Forum. In only 4 days, the Forum live-streaming page was visited over half million times.

The Forum attracted a total of 181 participants in all categories:

145 (95 delegates and 50 observers) from 66 National Scout Organizations
31 female and 64 male delegates and 26 female and 24 male observers
2 representatives from the World Scout Committee;
5 Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee

13 guests including 2 from Macau, 1 from Belgium, 2 from Sweden, 3 from Italy, 1 from Slovenia, 1 World Alliance of YWCA, 1 from International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent, 1 from the International Award Association and 1 from Interamerican Youth Network
10 members of the World Scout Bureau.
2 Interpreters
4 Host committee

Participants who attended the 11th World Scout Youth Forum were represented by the 6 WOSM regions as follows:

08 from the Africa Region;
09 from the Arab Region;
32 from the Asia-Pacific Region;
05 from the Eurasia Region;
56 from the European Region; and
35 from the Interamerican Region.

Out of 12 nominated candidates, the 11th World Scout Youth Forum elected 6 delegates – 4 males & 2 females as Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee for the next triennium (2011 – 2014). As per the WSYF Guidelines, they will also act as members of the Planning Committee for the 12th WSYF to be held in Slovenia in 2014. Also, a record of 26 Recommendations were adopted following extensive deliberations. These will be presented to the World Scout Committee for consideration and implementation.

The participants of the Youth Forum demonstrated that, given the opportunity, young people can move this Movement further through involvement in decision-making processes as well as strategy and policy development. The adoption of Recommendations, some of which translated into Resolutions of the Conference, is a clear testimony to this assertion. Finally, the excellent arrangements and the outstanding results of the event will forever remain in the memories of the participants.

Find below, a detailed account of the activities undertaken during the 11th World Scout Forum according to the two working themes.

1. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Introductory Session

The topic of Youth Empowerment in Scouting introduced the theme Youth Empowerment into the programme of the Youth Forum. The session opened with a presentation on Youth Involvement in the history of Scouting, providing participants with an understanding of the concepts of Youth Involvement and Youth Empowerment as well as the historical background on Youth involvement in WOSM. Afterwards the Forum broke into working groups, which explored the context of Youth Involvement and Scouting.

This introductory session brought to the attention of the Youth Forum the complexity of the discussion regarding Youth Involvement, considering for example the issues of defining an age range for “young people”, existing cultural differences, intergenerational dialogue as well as inclusion of Youth Involvement in the Youth Programme.

Vision and Strategy on Youth Involvement

This session focused on considering the Vision on Youth Involvement developed by the Educational Methods Committee in the triennium 2008-2011 (Conference Document No 14). The session started with an interactive presentation on the Vision and Strategy framework outlined in the Conference Document. Afterwards, participants divided into working groups with the aim of creating a strategic road map for achieving the Vision on Youth Involvement 2020.

The workshop considered the strategy separately for the three areas of Youth Involvement identified by WOSM (unit, institutional, community), also covering the four result areas outlined in the Strategy framework (Policies/Structures, Programme Support, Communications, Attitudes). The main conclusions of the workshops are summarized below.

Policies/Structures

- Increase Youth Involvement in the Youth Programme through peer learning and efficient use of the patrol system.
- Use small scale Youth Forums in all sections of the unit to let Scouts discuss issues affecting them.
- Increase local involvement in Youth Councils in the community.
- Recognize the necessity of WOSM to reach out more, and ensure participation of Scouts in other international Non-Governmental Organizations.

Youth Involvement should be explicitly stated and elaborated upon in the Constitutions of National Scout Organizations, and at least two positions for young people under the age of 30 should be constitutionally ensured in Committees at all levels of WOSM. National Youth Councils should be recognized and used as a means of involving young people in decision-making.

Programme Support

- Adjust Youth Programmes to the needs of young people in different age sections and encourage initiatives by young people.
- Develop more attractive methods of introducing decision-making structures (national and international) in the Youth Programme.
- Introduce participation in other Non-Governmental Organizations as a (voluntary) part of the Youth Programme.
- Develop programmes and trainings in partnership with other educational groups.

Communication

- Extend the sharing of good practices and experiences through web-based platforms and social media.
- Organize Youth Forums on-line to increase participation.
- Simplify the WOSM web site and include information on international Scouting on NSO web sites to increase access to information.
- Use inclusive methods of communication and emphasize more on two-way communication.

Attitudes

- Involve young people in decision- making from an early age.
- Observe different cultural perspectives on Youth Involvement and adjust different toolkits for NSOs depending on circumstances.
- Provide training for adults in Scouting, and mentoring for young people working in positions of responsibility.
- Assign projects and tasks to the responsibility to young people.

Youth Involvement in Society – Rights of Young People

A plenary presentation on the concept of Youth Rights provided an overview of what has been done in different parts of the world to empower youth and put the rights of young people on the agenda at different platforms. As a source of information and good practice, the outline of the Ibero-American Convention on Youth Rights and African Youth Charter were presented.

In groups the participants identified the rights that a young person should have as we look towards 2020. Moreover, it was discussed how Scouting can help, and how Scouts could act as agents of change and initiate future steps in the development of this global action.

In conclusion, the rights that a young person should have in 2020 are:

Lifestyle

Access to culture
Freedom of (new) technology usage
Access to information, especially via Internet

Recreation- including access to facilities and different contents
Freedom to express diverse points of view, especially in regard to established social patterns and authorities
Right to travel freely

Freedom to experience the nature
Right to healthy nutrition, including access to clean water
Right to sustainable environment

Right to financial security
Freedom to marital decisions
Free choice of beliefs
Freedom of personal development, and appropriate support
Equity as one of the basic principles
Non-discrimination
Freedom of choice
Freedom of expression
Independence as a respect to ones identity

Freedom from being forced to participate
Safety and the right to be protected
Freedom to refuse military service

Right to counselling (regarding e.g. family planning)

Education and work:

Access to higher education and relevant skills
Access to vocational education
Access to civic education
The right to sexual education and reproductive health
The right to environmental education
Mobility in education
Right on proper employment and job opportunities

Political engagement

Right to vote
Right to form an informative opinion and access to relevant information
Right to peace
Right to representation in politics
Right to participate in the community, including establishing groups

What should Scouting do to help promote the Rights of Young People?

It is recognized that Scouting is the largest educational youth Movement in the world, and therefore has a certain level of responsibility in the process of promoting concept and content of the youth rights and moving it forward at local, national and international levels. Firstly, Scouting should advocate for the Rights of young people and recognize it as a priority agenda for the Movement. Utilizing the great education potential that Scouts have in communities, they need to raise awareness, especially through training opportunities. This would require having Scout educational programmes accessible to as many people as possible. Also, as a worldwide Movement, Scouts can take leadership in the local community, by strengthening, educating, supporting and linking different groups and NGOs while remaining impartial and culturally sensitive. One good example is Scouts linking young people with employers. Sharing of best practices and sustained advocacy amongst those who are not in the Movement would be very useful in propagating awareness on the rights of young people across borders.

By initiating effective communication avenues throughout the world, Scouting can be a leader in "Global Networking". It should give young people an opportunity for international experience, insight of different cultures in order to help them manage the global challenges that young people are facing in the 21st century.

Skills for Life

The aim of the session was to introduce and explore the concept of "Life Skills" and skill-based education and identify the essential life skills necessary to play an active and meaningful role in the society today. The session also provided an opportunity for the participants to re-examine and reflect on Scouting in relation to life skills - do we offer what is relevant for today's youth, or is something missing?

Through a detailed process, participants went from self-recognition – the life skills they have, through recognition of Scouting in the process of education, towards finally, answering the main question:

"What are the essential skills that a person needs in the 21st Century and in the changing world today that the Scout Programme should address in future?"

Finally, 8 groups came to an agreement that the life skills that WOSM should focus on more strongly on in the future are, in order of priority:

- Critical thinking and problem-based learning
- Time management
- Self confidence/self awareness
- Leadership-oriented communication
- Stress management
- Humility
- Communications skills in accordance to new media and technologies
- Punctuality
- Healthy lifestyles
- Management and planning skills, Management communication
- Teamwork
- Environmental awareness
- Empathy and cultural awareness

Election of the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee

The following six delegates were elected by the 11th World Scout Youth Forum to serve as Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee for the next triennium:

Mr. Esben Holager – (Denmark)
Miss Sarah Rita Kattan – (Lebanon)
Mr. Vemund Ovesen – (Norway)
Mr. Felipe de Paulo – (Brazil)
Miss Doina Postica – (Republic of Moldova)
Mr. Muath Zmaili – (Jordan)

The Youth Advisors elected Mr. Felipe de Paulo as the Chairperson of the 12th World Scout Youth Forum and the WSYF Planning Committee.

Open Forum & Workshops proposed by the Participants

During the Forum participants were able to propose their own discussion topics. The main objective at this time was to give participants a chance to share their ideas and good practices on subjects of their choice. Participants used this opportunity to openly discuss and propose recommendations, exchange ideas, and also discuss the challenges that Scouting faces and innovations needed in the 21st century. Eight Forum topics were proposed as follows:

- *"Active Participation in the Global Society through Scouting"* (Hong Kong). The main questions the Forum answered were: "How can Scouting address the world's problems and how can Scouts be more involved in international society?"
- *"Environmental Issues and Conservation Strategy"* (Hong Kong). What is the current environmental situation that we are facing and in what ways can Scouting handle the issue?
- *"Young Spokespeople"* (United Kingdom). What is the value of the Young Spokespeople scheme and how can the scheme promote Scouting and youth involvement?
- *"Inter-religious dialogue: a way to achieve a better world"* (Federación Española de Escultismo (FEE)). What can Scouts do to improve the inter-religious dialogue and possible activities that can be undertaken to improve inter-religious dialogue.
- *"Improving the recognition of Scouting within the society"* (Slovenia). Do we feel that Scouting is recognized in our countries and what can we do to improve it? How could NSO's/WOSM support this?

- "Youth involvement in other youth organizations" (Guests: IFRCRCS and YMCA)
- "Reaching out" (Belgium). Do the countries represented in the Youth Forum have a policy on reaching out?
- "Youth Involvement" (Finland and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia). How can we ensure youth involvement in Scouting through policy making?

In addition, participants were also invited to propose Workshops. The following Workshops were proposed:

- "Young Leaders representation on International Events" (México). The activities on this workshop were related to: How do we represent WOSM in international events held by other organizations and strategies to successful participation?
- "Red on black: The Prisoner's Dilemma" (Italy). The workshop underscored the importance of cooperation and communicating choices in life.
- "Keeping Scouts Safe from Harm" (Sweden). The activity emphasized on how to handle child protection in each NSO.
- "Youth Power" (Sweden). The workshop looked at how to increase youth involvement in National Organizations.

Personal Commitment

In this session, participants were challenged to make a reflection about their personal future. They identified the actions they needed to undertake in order to make sure their desirable future was attained. The goal of this session was to make participants realize their responsibility towards achieving their own goals in life. They were invited to sign a commitment/contract with themselves to put the actions they identified into practice.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

The two events were celebrated in pomp and style characterized by Brazilian cultural music, dances and other performances which provided very appropriate and lively celebrations. The opening ceremony was held at Carlos Gomes Theatre and the closing ceremony at the plenary hall followed by a special dinner party at Villa Germanica. Both events were attended by Scouting and Government officials. The Forum also had the pleasure and privilege to have the Secretary General of WOSM, Mr. Luc Panissod, preside over the closing ceremony.

ScOutPost.

In order to allow the World Scout Youth Forum participants to stay in contact before, during and after the World Scout Youth Forum, an Internet discussion web forum was established, with the name of ScOutPost (scoutpost.org and <http://on.fb.me/scoutpost>). This web forum enables the participants to engage in on-line discussions.

To facilitate the need to continue with the work started during the Forum, and to discuss and exchange ideas and practices amongst young people, the 11th WSYF and Regional Forum participants are expected to take advantage of the **ScOutPost** through registration. For those who have not, they are encouraged to join. As at the time of the close of the Youth Forum in Brazil, over 100 young people had already registered on ScOutPost. This is expected to encourage greater participation in the decision-making processes of World Scouting by young adults.

2. SCOUTING - A WORLD WIDE MOVEMENT

Revitalizing the Young Adults' Programme – Guidelines for the Rover Scout Section

During this session an overview of the Guidelines for the Rover Scout Section was given with highlights on the Rover Scout programme: the purpose, aim and objectives of the programme and the core areas of a proposed programme. It was reported that an English version had been printed and a copy sent to all NSOs. Similarly, a copy can also be downloaded from the web site while the French version is due to be ready within the first quarter of 2011. It was declared a 'must have' for all participants/Rover Scouts.

The Strategy for Scouting

The Strategy for Scouting was introduced through a short video presentation, after which participants were invited to analyze whether the expected outcomes for each priority area have been achieved. As a result of the group discussion on each Strategic priority, there was a common agreement that they were still relevant, and more work on them needed to be done.

Major outcomes can be summarized in the following points:

Youth involvement is still an issue of relevance within the Scout Movement, and it is important to involve young people in the decision-making process on issues that concern them. Also young people's abilities to improve and develop Scouting need to be trusted. It was recognized that Scouting does much work towards helping young people through challenges of adolescence, such as offering a sense of belonging and leadership through the Patrol system. Scouting could improve on aspects such as learning by doing, examples set by adult members, opportunities for participation at international fora and youth involvement in decision-making.

Scouting exists within the society, which is composed of women and men, boys and girls, but the situation may vary from country to country. In some, Scouting is taking the lead in gender equality, in others it is at the same level as society and in others it is weak.

Reaching out should be a key focus in order to create an impact in the society. There are challenges relating to the strategy and structure of NSOs that need to be developed so that Scouting includes people with special capacities and cultural differences. Partnerships with other organizations to aid Scouting in achieving the above should also be developed. It was identified that the key to success was to reach out as a non-discriminatory organization.

Lack of recognition of volunteering at educational and governmental levels and retention of volunteers were identified as common challenges that need to be addressed. It was acknowledged that Scouting itself is flexible by definition: the same programme all over the world. It was also noted that leaders need to know why we are proposing changes.

Topics on the Agenda of 39th World Scout Conference

Participants were introduced to a video outlining the structure of the World Organization of the Scout Movement: World Scout Conference, World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau, the functions of these according to the Constitution as well as their ways of working.

A brief overview of the topics of the 39th World Scout Conference and their distribution on the agenda was given. A special dinner discussion menu was developed which gave the participants the opportunity to discuss these topics through the dinner courses – starter, main course and a desert.

Governance Review

Participants were introduced to the core issues dealt with by the Governance Review Task Force and the subsequent constitutional amendments that need to be undertaken. Participants then discussed these topics in groups and especially, what should be the role of the World Scout Youth Forum and the Youth Advisors. The following are the major outcomes of these discussion groups:

- It was recognized that the World Scout Youth Forum still needs to remain as an interim measure. The Youth Forum should cease to be a Conference carbon-copy, instead it should provide tools/support to participants to take an active role in the Conference and discussions on youth issues, and also assist the Forum participants in implementing ideas in their NSOs, as well as providing feedback and making proposals to WOSM.
- It was proposed that ideally there should be one event, the Conference, with mixture of young people and adults, in which they debate for the benefit of both.
- Participants to the WSYF should be given appropriate training prior to the event to be able to fully benefit from the event.

- It was acknowledged that Youth Advisors participation in sub-committees and task forces of the World Scout Committee was crucial. It was considered that the proposal of the World Scout Committee regarding the membership of the World Scout Committee was also critical for youth involvement in the decision-making processes.
- Another possibility could be that an age limit is set for the members of the World Scout Committee.

From an Idea to Recommendations

It is recognized that an essential part of empowerment for decision-making in plenary assemblies (regardless of the age) lies in ability of one to effectively communicate ideas in a form of a motion, to know rules of plenary debating, amending and seconding. This applies both at the World Scout Youth Forum and the World Scout Conference, but also outside Scouting as well. The aim of this session was to empower Forum participants with skills and knowledge on rules and procedures in debating motions.

The Planning Committee produced the Forum document called 'From an Idea to the Recommendation' (WSYF Document 6) that served as the base of the session, and can be found at scout.org. The document contains explanation on procedures of creating, seconding, amending and voting on the Recommendation/Resolution or any motion.

Participants actively participated in the Recommendation session and following the procedure, debated and adopted 25 recommendations.

Tell the Story

Tell the story was the session in which participants were invited to learn key concepts on how to represent the Scout Movement and analyze the perceptions that the wider society has of our image as Scouts. It was noted that there are several contradictions between what the Scout Movement preaches and what it does. For example when the Scout Movement is presented as a force for peace and then that images are shown to the world Scouts wearing uniforms and holding guns; when the Scout Movement is promoted as an interesting and challenging programme, by showing footage of Jamborees without indicating that is not an activity on offer every week. The Scout Movement is presented as a Movement for young people that encourages youth involvement, when there are still many representative positions in scouting held only by adults. It was pointed out that there were still barriers that do not allow Scouting to be open to all, like registration fee, religion, boys only, lack of access or geographical difficulties, disabilities, etc.

The majority of the participants of the Forum felt that Scouts are seen as old fashioned and associated with things that do not truly represent Scouting. It was considered by the participants of the World Scout Youth Forum that the Communication Strategy should be taken into account in the Strategy for Growth for NSOs.

Project Fair-Impact on Society

To demonstrate the impact of Scouting on society, several NSOs exhibited their various projects and programmes that young people are undertaking across the world. This was a great opportunity for the participants to share and learn from the experiences of others. The countries which shared their stories included:

- Australia - Be Prepared for New Adventure "College of development Activities",
- Canada - 14th World Scout Moot 2013,
- Ireland - One Programme,
- Denmark - Scout Academy,
- Scout Association of Hong Kong - Scouting in Hong Kong,
- Paraguay - My Family adopts a Tree,
- Slovenia - Zveza tabornikov Slovenije (Scout Association of Slovenia) - the national organization leads in the fields of education and intergenerational cooperation,
- Jordan - The Jordanian Association for Boy Scouts and Girl,
- Brazil - Get involved in Community,
- Sweden - 22nd World Scout Jamboree,

And presentations of Scouting in the following countries: Singapore, Italy, Belgium, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Korea, Republic of Moldova and the International Award Association (IAA).

It was a beehive of activities including audio-visual presentations on the winding stairs of the Viena Park Hotel.

World Scouts Events & Best Practices

The Forum also had very captivating presentations on the concluded and forthcoming world events, for instance from Kenya on the 13th World Scout Moot (2010); Sweden on the 22nd World Scout Jamboree (2011) and Canada on the 14th World Scout Moot (2014). The NSOs had the opportunity to publicize the events to the participants. A demonstration of best practices by NSOs was evident from Mexico as they presented their experiences on the World Youth Conference and representing WOSM in COP 16. The International Award Association, YMCA and the Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent shared their associations' experiences, broadening participants view on issues that affect the youth around the world.

Revitalizing the Scout Programme

The Forum participants reflected upon the Scout Programme as divided into four age sessions (Cub Scouts, Scouts, Ventures and Rovers), specifically on the impact of the Scout Programme in society. The questions debated were:

- How can Scouts respond to the world's challenges today?
- In what ways can the Scout Programme help in developing active and responsible human beings for society?
- What are the specific educational goals for each Scout section that allow them to make a positive and significant contribution to society?

The Future of Scouting

The Forum participants also took part in a session on the Future of Scouting, in which they reflected on their own ideas and, through the symbolic framework of the "canoe" representing the current state of our Movement, agreeing on the changes that should be made in order to navigate in the waters of the future. Referring to the conclusions of the discussions that were displayed at the exhibition area of the 39th World Scouts Conference, Mario Diaz, Chairman of the Strategy Coordination Group, World Scout Committee said:

"As you can read there, the young people are not just the hope of our future, but also our present. They want to be listened to and considered. They want their voice heard and their needs considered by the ruling bodies of this Movement. They have great ideas of change, and they are ready to paddle the canoe of Scouting into the XXI century."

Participants at the 11th World Scout Youth Forum suggested that Scouting should prepare itself to face the future challenges ahead by improving its communication methods both within and outside the Movement, in order to transmit the Scouting message to the world. The participants at the Forum also would like to see a more open-minded and flexible organization, constantly growing by embracing change, and becoming the champion of innovation in the field of non-formal education. To do so, new attractive and relevant Scout programmes, including a greater involvement of young people and introducing new technologies, should be designed and implemented at all levels, promoting life skills and creativity among children and young people.

Support from Volunteers

The 11th WSYF was organized with great support from the UEB (Uniao dos Escoteiros do Brazil). More than 50 dedicated volunteers demonstrated again the great power that can be achieved by volunteers. A special thanks was extended to members of the World Scout Committee for their immense support.

Evaluation

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum evaluation results generated by LimeSurvey and based on 143 responses out of 145 participants, for a 99% response rate revealed that,

On a scale of 1 to 10, the **overall satisfaction** with the Forum was rated as follows:

- a. 77% of the participants scored their satisfaction level above 7 with 44% of them in the 9 to 10 and 53% in the 7 and 8 ranges.
- b. 14% of the scores fell in the range from 5 to 6, with only 10% of the responses being under 4

Based on the question regarding the '*intention to recommend the Youth Forum to other friends or colleagues in scouting*', the **Net Promoter Score (NPS)** of the Forum is 45%, meaning that there are 45% more promoters of the Forum than detractors of it.

CONCLUSION

The World Scout Youth Forum started as an interim measure 18 years ago to strengthen youth involvement in decision making within WOSM, having recognized young people as a valuable resource. Since then, the WSYF has put on the table of the World Scout Committee issues that affect young people, with the belief that if they are considered, then that would be in line with what the 'real Customer of the Scout Movement' needed. It has also enabled young people to gain experience of democratic processes whilst developing a range of personal and social skills which have contributed to better leadership development in world Scouting.

Let us deeply and carefully think of what the next generation of leaders propose to be on the agenda of Scouting in the coming years, because innovation cannot be postponed. If we paddle our canoes in the right direction, the Scout Movement for certain will reach the shore that Lord Baden Powell said.

'Happiness is yours if only you paddle your canoe aright. With all my heart I wish you success, and the Scouts I wish you good camping' Baden Powell

Some Quotes from participants on "How was the 11th World Scout Youth Forum?"

"The 11th WSYF was innovative, intense and did set up new challenges for world Scouting."

Doina Postica, Moldova

"It was marvellous, brilliant, exciting, useful, positive, and wet."

Ilyas Ismayili, Azerbaijan

"It was fantastic. In respect to myself, a lot of recommendations, a lot of work awaiting us as a Youth Advisors."

Muath Zmaili, Jordan

"It was unbelievably exciting, full of pleasant smiles, a lot of new acquaintances, and very clever recommendations. I really enjoyed it."

Olena Halushko, Ukraine

"The WSYF achieved the most important expectations showing the quality of the products and demanding the empowerment of involving young scouts."

Clovis Sinisterra, Panama

"I really liked the international coffee breaks. It was the time that I could meet many people and get to know about their countries and their cultures."

Isabelle Kowalski, UEB staff

"Lots of learning regarding the topics and the process of the World Scout Conference and it has been very exciting to see all these recommendations. I hope that in the mass of recommendations, the importance won't be lost."

Vincent Perraud, France

"The WSYF was provechoso."
Fernanda Vogt, Brazil

"It was colorful."
Sheng, Hsiao Ming, Taiwan

"Amazing, spectacular, and extraordinary."
Octavian Ursu, Moldova

"It was tough, but it was worth it. I'm looking forward to the future of Scouting."
Amy, In-Jung Heo, Korea

"It was a great chance to share ideas with many people from all over the world."
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On a scale of 1 to 10, the **overall satisfaction** with the Forum was rated as follows:

- a. 77% of the participants scored their satisfaction level above 7 with 44% of them in the 9 to 10 and 53% in the 7 and 8 ranges.
- b. 14% of the scores fell in the range from 5 to 6, with only 10% of the responses being under 4

Based on the question regarding the '*intention to recommend the Youth Forum to other friends or colleagues in scouting*', the **Net Promoter Score (NPS)** of the Forum is 45%, meaning that there are 45% more promoters of the Forum than detractors of it.

CONCLUSION

The World Scout Youth Forum started as an interim measure 18 years ago to strengthen youth involvement in decision making within WOSM, having recognized young people as a valuable resource. Since then, the WSYF has put on the table of the World Scout Committee issues that affect young people, with the belief that if they are considered, then that would be in line with what the 'real Customer of the Scout Movement' needed. It has also enabled young people to gain experience of democratic processes whilst developing a range of personal and social skills which have contributed to better leadership development in world Scouting.

Let us deeply and carefully think of what the next generation of leaders propose to be on the agenda of Scouting in the coming years, because innovation cannot be postponed. If we paddle our canoes in the right direction, the Scout Movement for certain will reach the shore that Lord Baden Powell said.

'Happiness is yours if only you paddle your canoe aright. With all my heart I wish you success, and the Scouts I wish you good camping' Baden Powell

Some Quotes from participants on "How was the 11th World Scout Youth Forum?"

"The 11th WSYF was innovative, intense and did set up new challenges for world Scouting."

Doina Postica, Moldova

"It was marvellous, brilliant, exciting, useful, positive, and wet."

Ilyas Ismayili, Azerbaijan

"It was fantastic. In respect to myself, a lot of recommendations, a lot of work awaiting us as a Youth Advisors."

Muath Zmaili, Jordan

"It was unbelievably exciting, full of pleasant smiles, a lot of new acquaintances, and very clever recommendations. I really enjoyed it."

Olena Halushko, Ukraine

"The WSYF achieved the most important expectations showing the quality of the products and demanding the empowerment of involving young scouts."

Clovis Sinisterra, Panama

"I really liked the international coffee breaks. It was the time that I could meet many people and get to know about their countries and their cultures."

Isabelle Kowalski, UEB staff

"Lots of learning regarding the topics and the process of the World Scout Conference and it has been very exciting to see all these recommendations. I hope that in the mass of recommendations, the importance won't be lost."

Vincent Perraud, France

"The WSYF was provechoso."

Fernanda Vogt, Brazil

"It was colorful."
Sheng, Hsiao Ming, Taiwan

"Amazing, spectacular, and extraordinary."
Octavian Ursu, Moldova

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YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND WORLD LEVEL

Recommendation A: YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognising the importance of involving young people in decision-making as a key part of the Scout Method;
- taking note of the several Resolutions carried on the youth involvement (2/93, 10-13/99, 6/02, 11/05, 14/08) and the need of concrete actions to achieve progress;
- recognising that young people are citizens today and that they have a right to be involved in making decisions that affect their lives;
- welcoming the progress made in youth involvement through the adoption of the Strategy for Scouting and particularly Strategic Priority 1: Youth Involvement;
- recognising that many NSOs have made good progress in involving young people in decision-making at unit level, at institutional level and within local communities;
- requesting NSOs to adopt the vision for youth involvement set out in Conference Document No. 14;
- desiring an end goal where Scouts are not judged on age but on ability and experience, resulting in Scouts of all ages working together to give better Scouting to more young people;

recommends that the World Scout Committee:

- encourages NSOs to create and identify opportunities for young people to be involved in decision-making at unit level, institutionally and in the community;
- recommends that each NSO sets targets for youth involvement so that progress and achievements can be measured;
- sets targets for youth involvement within the structure of WOSM so that progress and achievements can be measured;
- creates an implementation plan for the targets to be reached within the coming triennium;
- reports to the next Conference the progress made towards the vision on youth involvement in decision-making within the structure of WOSM and how to continue the process;
- develops tools to support youth involvement in NSOs;
- monitors progress in youth involvement in NSOs;
- focuses on youth involvement in its communications.

Recommendation B: ENSURING YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognising the past efforts towards youth involvement at all levels of governance in the Scout Movement;
- noting with regret that the goal of youth involvement in the World Scout Committee and the Regional Committees has not been met;
- deeply concerned that the previous recommendations and resolutions have not led to the achievement of the above mentioned goal;
- welcoming the proposed amendments of Article XIII 2a of the Constitution from the World Scout Committee as an interim measure to achieve greater youth involvement at the world level;

recommends that:

- the NSOs strongly consider supporting the proposals for the amendment to the Constitution, article XIII 2a, from the World Scout Committee;
- the World Scout Committee further strive towards ensuring Youth involvement at all levels of the Scout Movement.

**Recommendation C:
NOMINATING YOUNG CANDIDATES TO THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE**

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- worried by the lack of young candidates to the World Scout Committee;
- reaffirming that the World Scout Youth Forum is an interim measure;
- considering that achieving legitimate youth involvement in WOSM will require a shift in culture;
- further considering that the motions proposed by the World Scout Committee to increase the level of youth participation in the World Scout Committee might not be carried by the 39th World Scout Conference and that new innovations are required;
- keeping in mind that the motions proposed by the World Scout Committee to increase the level of youth participation in the World Scout Committee, if carried, must be given enough time to evaluate whether the policies are working;
- keeping in mind that the Youth Advisors can be considered to be the most legitimate representatives of the young members of WOSM;

recommends that:

- if the motions proposed by the World Scout Committee to increase the level of youth participation in the World Scout Committee are not carried at the 39th World Scout Conference, the World Scout Committee explore under what circumstances the idea that the Youth Advisors would have the right to nominate candidates for election to the World Scout Committee would be feasible;
- the World Scout Committee propose to the 40th World Conference the relevant measures required to achieve this goal;
- the World Scout Committee also continues exploring other new options.

**Recommendation D:
NOMINATING YOUNG CANDIDATES TO THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE**

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- reaffirming Recommendation B/08;
- recognizing that the World Scout Youth Forum is an interim measure to achieve youth involvement;
- convinced that NSOs lack the motivation or the means to propose young candidates to the World Scout Committee;
- believing that there is a "glass ceiling" to youth participation in the governance of WOSM;
- convinced that further youth involvement in WOSM requires a shift in its organizational culture regarding the perceived relationship between age and competence;

recommends that:

- that NSOs nominate young candidates to positions of responsibility at all levels;
- that the World Scout Committee emphasizes, particularly at the World Scout Conference, that there is a general lack of young candidates in the World Scout Committee elections;
- that the World Scout Committee develops new actions and measures to ensure the election of young candidates to the World Scout Committee.

Recommendation E: YOUNG DELEGATES TO THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- appreciating the efforts of the World Scout Committee to encourage National Scout Organizations to include youth in their delegations to the World Scout Conference;
- noting that despite numerous recommendations and resolutions the issue has not yet been fully implemented by all National Scout Organizations:

- noting that some countries still do not include youth in their delegations to the World Scout Conference;
- noting that while many countries include youth in their delegations to the World Scout Conference, do not give them the position of delegates but rather the position of observers;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee further encourages National Scout Organizations to include youth in their delegations to the World Scout Conference;
- the World Scout Committee undertakes an analysis of the current situation and based on that develops constitutional methods to ensure that youth is included in the delegations and further ensure that they have the position of delegates.

**Recommendation F:
YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AT REGIONAL LEVEL**

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- affirming the concrete steps that were undertaken at world level in the field of youth involvement in decision making through the Strategic Priority number one "youth involvement" and the Youth Advisors Process;
- appreciating the efforts that Youth Advisors for the last triennium (2008 – 2011) have done, especially through the different activities within the World Scout Committee meetings and its sub-committees;
- noting the limited Youth Involvement at Regional and national level that is less than expected with all the efforts in this field;
- fully believing that Youth Empowerment is still not at the desired level even with all provided skills and mentoring;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee encourages the Regional Scout Committees in each Region to change the system of the Regional Scout Committee election so that at least one elected member is under the age of 30 at the date of the election, and strongly recommends the Regions to involve at least one member under 30 in each Regional subcommittees.

Recommendation G: RIGHTS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- realizing that many youth are not aware of their rights and responsibilities in leadership positions;

recommends that:

- training must be provided on the terms of reference, job descriptions, policy organization and rules, and above all on WOSM's existing functional constitution;
- all this information should be made easily accessible to the youth.

Recommendation H: WORLD SCOUT WEB BASED PLATFORM

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recalling the Strategic Priority 1: Youth Involvement;
- bearing in mind that expertise can be acquired through experience;
- noticing that the contributions of both adults and youth are important for decision-making to succeed;
- considering that the Movement needs more efficient communication between its members in order to implement innovative projects in line with our Movement's spirit;
- considering the right of freedom of expression;
- noticing that the tool ScoutPost is limited by being only open to future and past participants of the Forum;

recommends that:

- the process of collecting best practices be made more dynamic;

- the World Scout Committee establishes a working group to develop a web based platform, in collaboration with the Youth Advisors elected at the 11th World Scout Youth Forum, ready to be used by the next World Scout Conference;
- this platform would facilitate the following objectives:
 - debate on the current issues of our Movement;
 - launch innovative projects in line with our Movement's vision;
 - facilitate the promotion and communication of international events;
 - be accessible to all Scouts;
- sufficient funds should be allocated in order to allow and ensure the creation and maintaining of this web based platform;
- WOSM should encourage National Scout Organizations to advertise the existence of this platform;
- a Terms of Use policy containing the rules on politeness and acceptable behavior should be defined;
- a neutral moderating team should be established to:
 - maintain the platform over time;
 - ensure that the Terms of Use are adhered to by users of the platform;
 - provide a quarterly report regarding the topics raised through the platform and a summary of their conclusions;
 - distribute a newsletter to Scouts listing the current issues, projects and events discussed on the platform.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COOPERATION

Recommendation I:

SHARING BEST PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF PROMOTING MATERIALS

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- referring to Priority No. 1, Strengthening the World Scouting Brand as proposed by the World Scout Committee in Conference Document no. 8 of the 39th World Scout Conference: "To improve the Scout Movement's image and strengthen the sense of belonging amongst its members";
- appreciating the efforts of many NSOs to promote Scouting as a young and modern Movement by producing materials such as TV spots, poster campaigns, post cards, clothing and many more;
- regretful of the fact that exchange of best practise in the above mentioned field is limited today;
- noting that promotion campaigns are highly resource intensive;
- convinced that a lot of local promotion material can easily be adapted to countries and Regions other than the country of origin;
- further convinced of the wish by many Scouts in the world to purchase clothing products of other countries in order to demonstrate the international dimension of Scouting;
- being aware of a section at the World Scout Shop with internal collectibles rather than promotional items;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee facilitates the exchange of NSOs' promotion material by introducing a sharing platform that is easily accessible to Scouts of all levels within the World Scout Movement;
- the World Scout Committee encourages NSOs to share their best practices in the field of merchandising and promotional materials by contributing to this platform;
- the World Scout Committee works towards the launch of a section within the World Scout Shop where successful national clothing products can be purchased.

Recommendation J: LANGUAGE TRANSLATION FOR WOSM

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- in light of cultural and linguistic diversity inherent in the participants of the World Scout Youth Forum, and the level of participation needed to fully partake in the discussions of the Forum;

- recognizing that English and French as the official languages of WOSM (By-Law IV) are insufficient in adequately giving a voice to the Scouts in the world;
- recognizing that many Scouts who speak English and French non-natively do so at a disadvantage to their native English and French speaking colleagues;
- recognizing that the majority of Scouts in the world do not speak English or French as native languages;
- recognizing that those Scouts who do not speak English or French are severely limited in being able to participate in world Scouting;
- recognizing that such language inadequacies were made during 9th World Scout Youth Forum in Tunisia in 2005;
- recognizing that the use of one's own language is an inherent human right, and that it empowers the individual;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee conducts a study, the results of which will be presented to the 40th World Scout Conference, on the feasibility of WOSM By-Law IV paragraph 1 being amended as: "The official languages of the World Organization are English, and French, and that the documents of WOSM are also available in Spanish, Arabic, and Russian." These are the five working languages of the Conference according to Resolution 9/99;
- bearing in mind the overwhelming cost of translation, and the lack of use of simultaneous translation at the Forum, the study focuses primarily on the translation of publications and the role that Regions and NSOs can play in the translation process;
- the World Scout Committee discusses adding Spanish as to the simultaneous translation offered at the World Scout Youth Forum, in order to have a better involvement of the youth participants, who cannot do so fully in English or French;
- the World Scout Committee affirms the value of each Scout's native language and his/her right to speak it, and promotes the use of said native languages in each country and on a world level, with considering at the next World Scout Conference the addition of a third paragraph to By-Law IV stating, "All languages spoken by Scouts are respected and valued by the World Organization, and the organization will promote and facilitate their use whenever possible."

Recommendation K: DIVERSITY OF SCOUTS AT NATIONAL LEVEL

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- observing that inter-faith and spiritual dialogue is difficult to establish and often creates tensions between the different NSAs within a country;
- appreciating the efforts put forward by WOSM to encourage better dialogue between different NSAs within a country;

recommends the World Scout Committee:

- to keep encouraging NSAs within a Federation to cooperate and further work together, particularly at national and local levels.
- to encourage NSAs within Federations to acknowledge the fact that young people want greater communication between NSAs and should facilitate this.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION, PARTNERSHIPS, IMAGE AND BRANDING

Recommendation L: EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND YOUNG SPOKESPEOPLE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- considering that Scouting is not separate from the wider society;
- reaffirming that Scouting is a youth Movement supported by adults and thus Scouting should be represented by young people;
- recognizing the demand by the NSOs for WOSM support for work in external relations;

- noting that external representation by youth and youth involvement in the community are good tools for citizenship education;
- noting with pleasure the great success of the Young Spokespeople initiative in several NSOs in raising youth participation and in creating a youth led image;

recommends that:

- that NSOs, the Regions and the World Scout Committee use more young Scouts as external representatives;
- that the World Scout Committee adopts the Young Spokespeople concept and creates guidelines for the initiative, thus giving an example to NSOs to do the same;
- that NSOs and the World Scout Committee facilitate co-operation between and mentoring for young Scouts working in external relations and as spokespeople.
- That the World Scout Committee recognises and actively promotes the wider impact that the Young Spokesperson scheme can have in youth participation, advocacy and wider community engagement and the part Young Spokespersons can play in updating our Brand and developing a more youth led image.

Recommendation M: REPRESENTING WORLD SCOUTING

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- applauding the initiative to see Scouting world-wide as a Movement attracting and retaining more and more young people (especially adolescents) of both genders and coming from broader segments of society;
- congratulating the World Scout Bureau and the World Scout Committee for the support and interest in young representation at International Events;
- recognizing the need to develop young people's full potential, supported by adults who are willing and able to carry out their educational role;
- valuing the opportunities that exist for Scouting to be represented in global Conferences and events related to civil society;

recommends to the World Scout Committee:

- that Scouting is represented at key global Conferences, to increase its profile and contribute to decision-making in wider society;
- to recruit delegates among young people with the necessary skills and experience to contribute to these events;
- that financial and human support is provided to ensure the delegation is fully trained and supported in their roles;
- to engage with local National Scout Organization in the planning and delivery of the practical arrangements to support these events.

Recommendation N: PARTNERSHIPS WOSM/COMMUNITY GROUPS, UNITED NATIONS AND NGO'S

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- noting the request expressed by the National Scout Organizations (NSOs) of support from the World Organization of the World Scout Movement (WOSM) in the construction of partnerships with community groups, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the United Nations
- believing in the usefulness for NSOs to benefit from the experience, the competences, skills, training and professionalism of other community groups and NGOs in order to reach and fulfil the objectives of reaching out and diversity established in the strategic plan of 2002;
- recognizing the necessity of reinforcing partnerships between WOSM and the sphere of community groups and NGOs external to our Movement;

recommends to the World Scout Committee that:

- NSOs and the World Scout Committee boldly consider forming relations with other NGOs that share the values of Scouting in order to provide new educational proposals such as the World Scout Environment Badge and the

- Earth Hour, especially by networking with young Scouts who are already active in other NGOs, as well as the United Nations,
- That the World Scout Committee strengthens its relationship with different NGOs in order to actively facilitate better Scout projects and long-term partnerships between the NGOs and NSOs.
 - a stronger consideration of the specific and professional competences and skills of community groups, NGOs and the United Nations to our Movement; competences that can bring concrete help and useful resources to the NSOs and their youth members;
 - the idea of a World Scout Movement which is first open to the competences and skills of other organizations and community groups, in order to then ensure together a wider and stronger openness, diversity and impact (ethnic minorities, different wealth levels, different cultures, different religions, openness to people with disabilities...).

REACHING OUT

Recommendation O: WORLD ORGANIZATION OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS – REACHING OUT, CREATING A BETTER WORLD

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- reaffirming the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Woman, the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, Scouting still has a purpose to fill in the international work needed to be done protecting civil and human rights around the world;
- reaffirming that the recommendation J/08 and the 4th strategic priority “Reaching out”, a number of strategic challenges are identified by the delegates during the 11th World Scout Youth Forum.
- noting that Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that: "Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status";
- recalling that recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world;
- reaffirming that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms the principle of the inadmissibility of discrimination and proclaims that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein without distinction of any kind;
- affirming that human rights education is a key to changing attitudes and behaviour and to promoting respect for diversity in societies,

recommends that:

- the World Organization of the Scout Movement has to stand up for these civil and human rights. A decision is necessary to give the World Scout Committee the objective of working on giving all members in Scouting all rights and freedoms stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, regardless of any distinction such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, sexual orientation, gender identity, birth or other status;
- the World Scout Committee:
 - expresses deep concern at the occurrence of violations and discriminations of human rights in the world against persons on the grounds of their race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or

- other opinion, national or social origin, property, sexual orientation, gender identity, birth or other status;
- stresses that human rights and fundamental freedoms are the birthright of all human beings, that the universal nature of these rights and freedoms is beyond question and that the enjoyment of such rights and freedoms should not be hindered in any way on the grounds of their race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, sexual orientation, gender identity, birth or other status;
- reaffirms the aim and goals stated in the 4th strategic priority "Reaching out", focusing on Scouting becoming a force in the society giving impact to decision-making when it comes to work with diversity, civil- and human rights and working to reach out to different segments in the society;
- identifies the need to develop partnerships with other non-government organizations to aid Scouting in becoming a greater force of impact in the society;
- identifies the need for a more defined structure within the area, with a clear strategy, to be providing each National Scout Organization with support in working with diversity, civil- and human rights and reaching out to different segments in the society;
- identifies challenges that need to be addressed, e.g. cultural and religious aspects, and that there is a need for National Scout Organizations to develop their own strategies based on the overall mission defined by the World Organization of the Scout Movement, and that reaching out is more about integration than assimilation;
- identifies the need for the World Organization of the Scout Movement to collect and distribute best practices from National Scout Organizations, providing inspiration and help in creating strategies for National Scout Organizations to focus work on diversity, civil and human rights, and reaching out to different segments in society in a national or local perspectives;
- identifies the need for the World Organization of the Scout Movement to implement work on human rights education as a part of the guidelines on the Scout program for all age groups;
- stresses that the key to success is making sure that Scouting is an organization that is not exclusive on any grounds of discrimination, and that the World Organization of the Scout Movement is working on encouraging National Scout Organizations to actively work on diversity, civil and human rights and reaching out to different segments in society.

Recommendation P: YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- o inspired by the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 (Women, peace and security) and 1612 (War-affected children);
- o reaffirming the World Scout Youth Forum Recommendation E/08 on the Scouts of the World Award;
- o recognizing the responsibility of Scouting to respond to the needs and challenges of today's world and young people;
- o mindful of the fact that children and young people under 25 years of age constitute more than half of the world's population;
- o pointing out the fact that 1.3 billion young people will enter the labour market during the next ten years and only 0.3 billion of these young people are expected to find a job;
- o considering that these young people are the bridge-builders of today and the leaders and community-builders of tomorrow and thus play a crucial role in building global sustainable peace;
- o recognizing the important role of youth in peace-building;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee reaffirms its commitment to the Scouts of the World Award and other peace education initiatives;
- the World Scout Jamboree Organizing Committee keep up their good work in ensuring safe environments for cross-cultural understanding and peace education at the World Scout Jamboree 2011;
- the World Scout Committee follows this principle in steering future World Events.
- the World Scout Committee works towards general recognition of the role of young people in peace-building by the international community.

Recommendation Q: PROVISION OF SUPPORT FOR YOUTH MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES IN SCOUTING

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- considering that a disability is a health condition, impairment or functional problem that could make it difficult for a young person to access or participate in Scouting activities;
- realizing that the exact cultural, social and/or economic consequences of these difficulties will vary due to historical perspectives, country, or location;
- realizing that without assistance and attention, people with disabilities may be marginalized and excluded from Scouting activities;
- recognizing that the importance of inclusion within Scouting plays an important role in modifying community attitudes and behaviours towards young people with disabilities, thereby creating new partnerships and enlisting community co-operation in the integration and support of such people;
- realizing that culturally, Scouting contributes to building communities that recognize and value diversity where there is a place for everyone;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee prioritizes inclusion of people with a disability for NSOs. There should be incentives to provide training and support materials for leaders within NSOs to encourage the participation of young people with disabilities.

Recommendation R: INTERFAITH AND SPIRITUAL DIALOGUE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- affirming spiritual development as a fundamental part of the Programme of the Scout Movement created by Baden-Powell;
- fully believing that our diversity of beliefs makes us strong;
- noting with deep concern that the lack of inter-faith dialogue throughout the world is a source of conflict;

recommends that the World Scout Committee:

- invites the NSOs and NSAs to carry out different initiatives to promote inter-faith and spiritual dialogue.
- encourages NSOs and NSAs to establish specific guidelines to promote inter-faith dialogue and spiritual development.

ENVIRONMENT

Recommendation S: ENVIRONMENT

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- Considering the 2005 report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that the Earth's total forest area continues to decrease at about 13 million hectares per year
- Recognising that the environment is central to the Scout Programme and a key element of developing good citizens of the world.

- Noting that the importance of the environment to Scouting was highlighted at the 37th World Scout Conference with resolutions on environment education and sustainable development, 18/05 and 20/05.
- Noting the World Scout Environmental Programme published at 38th World Scout Conference
- Recognizing that a significant amount of paper products are consumed in the production and provision of documents at world scouting events e.g. World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference

recommends that:

- The World Scout Committee actively encourages World Scout Events to provide, where practicable, publications and documents in a digital format in order to reduce the environmental impact of the event.

Recommendation T: DOING A GOOD TURN FOR NATURE

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognizing wildlife as being one of the major resources that Mother Nature has provided us;
- recognizing that the environmental issue has long been a consequential problem to the entire human race;
- noting that despite being mentioned in the Scout Law, "A Scout is a friend to animals", little concern on native wildlife can be seen;
- believing that this issue requires our devoted attention;
- believing that it is vital for pragmatic actions to be implemented in Scouting in order to sustain our current rate of development;
- believing that environmental stability should be one of our major concerns, which needs our instant action;
- noting that the environmental badge covers a lot of areas, such as environmental impact assessment and pollution concern;
- regrettably noting that there is little action taken by our Scout members despite campaigns: namely, the Earth hour, World Environment Day and an environmental impact assessment on world events;
- realizing that fulfilling these actions is not enough;

recommends that:

- the guidelines regarding environmental issues provided by WOSM include mainly examples of possible different kinds of programmes;
- the guidelines regarding environmental issues should be goal-oriented to inform Scouts of what they could change;
- carbon footprint should be conducted at the same time as conducting the environmental impact assessment;
- observation skills on wildlife and environmental practices be encouraged;
- partnerships between Scouting and experts be established

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Recommendation U: IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognising the need of constant reviewing of the purpose and value of the WSYF;
- having in mind the increasing number of youth delegates attending both the WSYF and World Scout Conference;
- respecting the value of sharing ideas, experiences and best practices, as well as learning from each other at the WSYF;
- recognising the importance of the educational framework for the Forum;
- recognising that the largest impact on World Scouting that members of the Youth Forum have is through the drafting of recommendations, both on topics raised at the Forum in the agenda and on topics they suggest themselves;
- further recognising that delegates to the Youth Forum are most motivated by the drafting of recommendations;

recommends:

- changes in the balance between Conference preparation sessions, world issues, NSO knowledge and experience sharing, and recommendations;
- the reduction of Conference preparation sessions, particularly those that will be repeated during the Conference training sessions for first-time attendees and those that the youth voice can be sufficiently heard through their participation in Conference discussion sessions;
- an increase in NSO experience, knowledge and best practice sharing, as well as time for the collaboration of NSOs on issues affecting them;
- an increase in the emphasis placed on recommendations and their drafting.

Recommendation V: FORUM WORKING CULTURE AND GOALS

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- recognizing that a continuous and coherent culture at the World Scout Youth Forums is a prerequisite for a responsible and sustainable culture of youth involvement;
- pointing out that such a culture can only be nurtured through continuous improvement;
- taking into account that the participants of each World Scout Youth Forum must have a chance to make those decisions which they consider important while maintaining the coherence and continuity of the Forum;
- believing that many of the topics of interest to young people are complex and achieving the aspirations of young people regarding these topics can take several triennia and Fora to complete;
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recommends that:

- the next World Scout Youth Forum set clear long-term goals for the Forum and its educational objectives for the next three triennia and that these goals are reviewed at the beginning of each Forum;
- the World Scout Committee takes these goals into account when making decisions on the World Scout Youth Forum Guidelines;
- the WSYF Planning Committee and the World Scout Committee allocate enough space in the programme of the World Scout Youth Forum for considering long-term goals, reporting and conclusions of the Forum.

Recommendation W: CONTINUITY IN THE WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORA

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognizing that the WSYF Final Report is a channel of communication from one Forum to another;
- recognizing that follow-up of the issues and ideas considered at the Forum is an important part of creating a continuous and coherent culture at the Fora;
- noting that the reports do not at the moment provide sufficient information for the critical appraisal of the achievements and ideas of the previous Forum;
- emphasizing that many of the Recommendations are long-term and strategically oriented;

recommends that:

- the WSYF Planning Committee and the World Scout Committee ensure that enough space is allocated at the Forum to consider and evaluate the Recommendations and the conclusions of the previous Forum;
- the WSYF Planning Committee considers prior to the Youth Forum whether the Recommendations and the conclusions of the previous Forum have been achieved and, if this has not happened, put them up for discussion at the next Forum.

Recommendation X: YOUTH ADVISORS ABILITY TO PUT FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

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- acknowledging that the Youth Forum represents the young people in WOSM and should have the best possible background information to make recommendations;
- keeping in mind that Youth Advisors are chosen by the World Scout Youth Forum to represent young people at the World Scout Committee meetings, and due to this experience they are best capable of linking ideas and identifying areas of improvement in World Scouting;
- further noting that this knowledge and experience should be better communicated to the next World Scout Youth Forum;

recommends that:

- the World Scout Committee changes the guidelines to allow the Youth Advisors to have the opportunity to propose recommendations to the Forum.
- However Youth Advisors cannot second any recommendation and recommendations must be seconded by no fewer than 2 NSOs.

Recommendation Y: PREPARATION OF THE WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM PARTICIPANTS

The 11th World Scout Youth Forum:

- recognizing the importance of the World Scout Youth Forum in allowing youth in Scouting to discuss matters of importance in global Scouting;
- affirming the goal of global Scouting for youth involvement in decision making in Scouting;
- acknowledging the importance of the preparation of delegates for this major world event;

recommends that:

- youth delegates and delegations to the Forum be given the opportunity to submit to the planning committee items for discussion, prior to the event;
- that communication and documents be sent by email directly to pre-registered youth delegates, in addition to NSO's;
- a mentorship structure to be established at the Forum, where delegates who have attended a Forum previously, mentor and guide newer delegates and delegations;
- NSOs should make sure through preparation meetings that the participants to the WSYF are well prepared regarding the material and the documents as well as the topics of the Forum and the Conference.

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