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Draft Resolutions proposed by  
Member Organizations



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The World Scout Bureau has compiled all Draft Resolutions proposed by Member Organizations for consideration at the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Conference (2024), which have been endorsed by the Resolutions Committee.

<b>Conference proposal:</b>	Draft Resolutions
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A brief explanation of the Draft Resolutions, the approved text of the Draft Resolutions and background information are included in this Conference Document to provide Member Organizations with the required information to engage and facilitate discussions around the Draft Resolutions. The Conference will take formal decision on these proposals during the applicable voting session during the Conference. Details about Conference pre-engagement opportunities and the process for proposing amendments can be found on [scoutconference.org/resolutions](https://scoutconference.org/resolutions).

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### **Languages**

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

# 2024-G Towards a truly inclusive World Scout Conference

## Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Resolution:

- The Draft Resolution aims to reconsider the model of the World Scout Conference to tackle the challenge of making the event more affordable for participants.
- It is essential to acknowledge the different realities, including economic disparities, that exist around the world. A key aspect to consider is the geographical location of participants, as some countries will inevitably incur significantly higher travel costs due to the distance from the Conference venue.
- It is imperative to develop a system that considers these disparities to ensure equitable participation.
- While maintaining the option of online participation is crucial, it is important to recognise its limitations. The in-person experience provides a more comprehensive and immersive interaction that cannot be fully replicated online. Therefore, online participation should complement - rather than substitute - in-person attendance.

The Conference,

- noting the most recent Conference Resolution 2021-06 on evolving the Conference and ensuring a more inclusive, diverse, and engaging World Scout Conference,
  - recognising the importance of all Member Organizations in being represented at any meeting of the World Scout Conference,
  - being aware of the fact that geographical distances and economic challenges may prevent Member Organizations from sending their representatives to be physically present at World Scout Conferences,
  - recognising the economic hardships that many countries continue to face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,
  - welcoming initiatives that allow Member Organizations facing economic difficulties to be partially represented at the World Scout Conference through online participation,
  - noting that online participation cannot be considered a sufficient measure of inclusion as it does not allow Member Organizations to fully benefit from the World Scout Conference experience,
  - being aware that a review of the World Scout Events model also includes the need to reflect on the way that WOSM organises its World Scout Conferences,
- strongly urges the World Scout Committee to study alternative models for World Scout Conferences that would result in lower-cost events (including shorter events that optimise time and cost, and the use of lower-cost venues, such as educational centres);
  - requests that Hosts provide a variety of accommodation options consisting of the most diverse types of accommodation;
  - requests that the World Scout Committee study a differentiated participation fee system for the World Scout Conference that takes into account,
    - the existing country categorisation system;
    - the existing system for participants under the age of 30;
    - distances travelled by representatives of each Member Organization;
    - the possibility that Member Organizations that register only one representative can pay a reduced fee;
  - requests that Member Organizations continue to have the option of online participation and that the technology is regularly updated to enhance the quality and completeness of the online experience.

*Proposed by: Brazil*

*Seconded by: Argentina*

# Background Information Document

## Prepared by the World Scout Bureau

**Draft  
Resolution  
background  
information**

**2024-G**

<b>Draft Resolution title:</b>	Towards a truly inclusive World Scout Conference
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Brazil

### Policy Implications

This Draft Resolution has an impact on the following policies or issues in WOSM/Member Organizations:

1. [World Scout Conference Rules of Procedure](#) (2024)
2. World Scout Bureau operations, policies and procedures (event guidelines, Host Organisation Agreements, solidarity programmes, etc.)
3. National Scout Organization World Scout Event participation fee categories ([GLB-C18-2021](#))
4. WOSM Events Strategy ([2024 Conference Document 8](#))
5. [Final report from the Task Force on the Evolution of the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference](#)

### Historical Background

The following historical resolutions, decisions, or proposals are relevant when considering this Draft Resolution:

1. [Conference Resolutions 1990-24, 1993-24, 2005-12](#): encouraging active participation and engaging working methods during World Scout Conferences
2. [Conference Resolutions 2002-11, and 2005-15](#): cost of World Scout Conferences and World Scout Events
3. [Conference Resolution 2021-06](#): evolving the Conference and ensuring a more inclusive, diverse and engaging World Scout Conference

### Resource Implications

To successfully carry out this Draft Resolution, the following estimated resources would be needed:

Human	Financial
<p><i>Volunteers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Team of five to seven volunteers to review the participation fee system for the World Scout Conference (connected to work of the WOSM Events Strategy)</li> <li>- Collaboration with both the Constitutions and Finance Committees</li> <li>- Host and WOSM planning teams for future World Scout Conferences</li> </ul>	<p>Review of the participation fee system for World Scout Conference (USD 30,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-person meetings</li> <li>- Consultation with Member Organizations</li> <li>- External consultation</li> </ul>
<p><i>Staff:</i></p> <p>World Scout Bureau staff assigned to support the World Scout Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Scout Bureau staff: 0.2 full-time equivalent (duration of project)</li> </ul> <p><small><i>This is an initial resource estimation based on WOSM's current operations for supporting World Events</i></small></p>	
<p><i>External Resources (experts, trainers, consultants, etc.):</i></p> <p>N/A</p>	

# 2024-H World Mental Health Policy

## Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Resolution:

- Mental health is crucial for the well-being and holistic development of both young people and adults in the Scout Movement. Recent global challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, have highlighted the urgent need for structured mental health support. The development of a global mental health policy will help to create safe and inclusive environments, enhance leadership capabilities and life skills, and foster a supportive community within Scouting.
- This policy will lay the foundations for the creation of tools aimed at promoting mental well-being across the Scout Movement, catering to the needs of both young people and adults in Scouting.
- This policy aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3, and leverages existing frameworks from international organisations. The policy is essential in ensuring that all Scouts are resilient, capable, and prepared to contribute positively to their communities and the world.

The Conference,

- recognising the critical role of mental health in the overall well-being of individuals and societies,
  - recognising Conference Resolution 1924-14, where every nation aims to endow healthy citizens,
  - reflecting on Conference Resolution 2021-04, which acknowledges that prioritising the safety, mental well-being, and developmental needs of young people lies at the core of Scouting's mission,
  - reaffirming the principles of the World Safe from Harm Policy, adopted through Conference Resolution 2017-05,
  - recognising the extensive efforts of international organisations in formulating mental health policies, acknowledging the profound societal implications exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic,
  - recognising the importance of aligning mental health policies with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 3, which aims to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all,
- calls for the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to develop a World Mental Health Policy for the Scout Movement,
    - taking into account international best practices, research, and data collected on mental health issues affecting young people and adults worldwide;
    - by collaborating with mental health experts, organisations, and stakeholders to formulate comprehensive guidelines and strategies to address and promote mental health within Scouting.

*Proposed by: Colombia*  
*Seconded by: Brazil*

# Background Information Document

## Prepared by the World Scout Bureau

**Draft  
Resolution  
background  
information**

**2024-H**

<b>Draft Resolution title:</b>	World Mental Health Policy
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Colombia

### Policy Implications

This Draft Resolution has an impact on the following policies or issues in WOSM/Member Organizations:

1. [Scouts for SDGs](#) and specifically, the Health and Well-being WOSM Initiative
2. [World Safe from Harm Policy](#) (2017, and annex 2024)
3. [World Scout Youth Programme Policy](#) (2014)
4. [World Adults in Scouting Policy](#) (2011)
5. [Strategy for Scouting 2024-2033](#)
6. World Triennial Plan 2024-2027
7. [WOSM Events Strategy](#) (2024 Conference Document 8)
8. Health and well-being advocacy work and positioning through WOSM Youth Representatives

### Historical Background

The following historical resolutions, decisions or proposals are relevant when considering this Draft Resolution:

1. [Conference Resolution 1924-14](#): on the principles of Scouting and endowing every nation with healthy citizens
2. [Conference Resolution 1990-16](#): institutionalising the Convention on the Rights of the Child
3. [Conference Resolution 2002-07](#): urging National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and WOSM to adopt policies in keeping Scouts Safe from Harm
4. [Conference Resolution 2017-05](#): adopting and implementing the World Safe from Harm Policy
5. [Conference Resolution 2021-04](#): Strengthening Safe from Harm in the Scout Movement
6. [Constitutional Amendment 2021](#) (Article V.5.e): Safe from Harm

### Resource Implications

To successfully carry out this Draft Resolution, the following estimated resources would be needed:

Human	Financial
<p><i>Volunteers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Team of five to seven volunteers to develop a World Mental Health Policy</li> <li>- Safe from Harm volunteers as stakeholders for developing a World Mental Health Policy</li> <li>- Volunteers and WOSM Consultants supporting the implementation of the Health and Well-being WOSM Initiative (<i>already planned</i>)</li> <li>- WOSM Youth Representatives (<i>already planned</i>)</li> </ul>	<p>Develop a World Mental Health Policy (USD 30,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-person meetings</li> <li>- Consultation with Member Organizations</li> <li>- External consultation</li> </ul>
<p><i>Staff:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Scout Bureau staff: One full-time equivalent</li> </ul> <p><small><i>This is an initial resource estimation based on WOSM's current operations for supporting the Health and Well-being WOSM Initiative.</i></small></p>	<p><i>The Health and Well-being WOSM Initiative is in the process of being implemented and the below are already planned resources for the World Triennial Plan 2024-2027 budget (see <a href="#">Draft Resolution 2024-D</a>).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Capacity building for Member Organizations, roll out the Health and Well-being WOSM Initiative's Challenges to Member Organizations, and social media campaigns.</i></li> <li>- <i>Other costs associated with delivering WOSM Consultant support to Member Organizations through the WOSM Services.</i></li> </ul>
<p><i>External Resources (experts, trainers, consultants, etc.):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaboration with UNFPA, WHO, and FAO for ongoing capacity building on health and well-being.</li> <li>- Collaboration with other external partners in resource mobilisation for the development and implementation of campaigns, challenges and other programmes.</li> </ul>	

# 2024-I Champion the prevention of gender-based violence

## Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Resolution:

- Young people must be empowered to lead by example as champions of a more equitable world. As the world's leading non-formal educational youth movement, Scouting is uniquely positioned to address gender inequalities, including gender-based violence, by setting high standards at all levels.
- Preventing gender-based violence is essential for the well-being and development of individuals and communities. It undermines the dignity and rights of individuals and perpetuates cycles of inequality and injustice. By addressing this issue and promoting gender equality, Scouting can help create more inclusive, just, and peaceful societies.
- By promoting gender equality and the prevention of violence, Scouting further strengthens its commitment to its core values of respect, integrity, and solidarity. Member Organizations must also provide safe spaces for all members and create environments where young people can learn to collaborate and respect each other. Prioritising the prevention of gender-based violence enables Scouting to fulfil its mission of empowering young people and contributes to a more just and equitable world.

The Conference,

- recalling Conference Resolutions 1996-05 and 1999-04 on gender equality in the Scout Movement,
- recalling the fundamental principles of equality, respect, and dignity outlined in the Scout Promise and Law,
- recognising the pervasive and harmful impact of gender-based violence on individuals and communities worldwide,
- acknowledging the responsibility of the Scout Movement to foster a safe and inclusive environment for all members,
- affirming the commitment of the Scout Movement to uphold human rights and promote gender equality,
- encourages the integration of gender-based violence prevention education and training within Safe from Harm;
- calls on Member Organizations to develop co-educational youth programmes that foster gender equality and positive gender identities in Scouting, emphasising the importance of challenging harmful gender stereotypes and promoting respectful relationships among young people and adults;
- requests the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to,
  - develop guidance and resources for Member Organizations to support initiatives preventing gender-based violence, including through addition of wording in the World Safe from Harm Policy;
  - prioritise the prevention of gender-based violence within Scouting programmes and activities;
  - monitor progress in the implementation of this Conference Resolution and report on the outcomes;
  - establish partnerships with relevant stakeholders to strengthen efforts in preventing and addressing gender-based violence;
  - actively participate in international campaigns on gender-based violence to promote awareness and amplify the impact of these global initiatives within the Scout Movement.

*Proposed by: Colombia*

*Seconded by: Uruguay, Mexico*

# Background Information Document

## Prepared by the World Scout Bureau

**Draft  
Resolution  
background  
information**

**2024-I**

<b>Draft Resolution title:</b>	Champion the prevention of gender-based violence
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Colombia

### Policy Implications

This Draft Resolution has an impact on the following policies or issues in WOSM/Member Organizations:

1. [Diversity and Inclusion Position Paper](#) (2017)
2. [Gender Equality self-assessment tool](#)
3. [World Safe from Harm Policy](#) (2017, and annex 2024)
4. [World Scout Youth Programme Policy](#) (2014)
5. [World Adults in Scouting Policy](#) (2011)
6. [Strategy for Scouting 2024-2033](#)
7. World Triennial Plan 2024-2027
8. Gender equality advocacy work and positioning through WOSM Youth Representatives

### Historical Background

The following historical resolutions, decisions or proposals are relevant when considering this Draft Resolution:

1. [Conference Resolution 1977-19, 1990-16 and 2014-12](#): affirming WOSM's support for the United Nations Charter of Human Rights, institutionalising the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and Scouting and Human Rights
2. [Conference Resolution 1996-05 and 1999-04](#): about equitable representation and support of females and males in WOSM, and approval of policy on girls and boys, women and men within the Scout Movement
3. [Conference Resolution 2002-07, 2017-05 and 2021-04](#): urging NSOs and WOSM to adopt policies in keeping Scouts Safe from Harm, adopting the World Safe from Harm Policy, and strengthening Safe from Harm in the Scout Movement
4. [Constitutional Amendment 2021](#) (Article V.5.e): Safe from Harm

### Resource Implications

To successfully carry out this Draft Resolution, the following estimated resources would be needed:

Human	Financial
<p><b>Volunteers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Team of 5 to 7 volunteers to support resource development for diversity and inclusion work including gender equality (<i>already planned</i>)</li> <li>- WOSM Consultants to support Member Organizations in gender equality capacity strengthening (<i>already planned</i>)</li> <li>- WOSM Youth Representatives (<i>already planned</i>)</li> <li>- Safe from Harm volunteers working to review the World Safe from Harm Policy</li> </ul>	<p><i>Work on the prevention of gender based-violence is a key part of the Safe from Harm and Diversity &amp; Inclusion services with the below resources already planned for the World Triennial Plan 2024-2027 budget (see <a href="#">Draft Resolution 2024-D</a>).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resource development</li> <li>- Capacity building for Member Organizations, and social media campaigns</li> <li>- Other costs associated with delivering WOSM Consultant support to Member Organizations through the WOSM Services</li> </ul>
<p><b>Staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Scout Bureau Staff: Two full-time equivalent</li> </ul> <p><small><i>This is an initial resource estimation based on WOSM's current operations for supporting Safe from Harm and Diversity and Inclusion worldwide related to gender-based violence.</i></small></p>	
<p><b>External Resources (experts, trainers, consultants, etc.):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaboration with external partners and experts to continuously strengthen WOSM's efforts towards Gender Equality, more specifically ending gender-based violence and alignment with international best practices.</li> </ul>	

## 2024-J Living together in peace

### Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Resolution:

- This Draft Resolution is essential to strengthen our commitment to peace and education, enabling young people to develop the skills they need to become engaged and constructive citizens. It aligns with the objectives of previous Conference Resolutions and global initiatives, such as the International Day of Living Together in Peace, thus consolidating Scouting's role in promoting a culture of living together in peace throughout the world.

The Conference,

- recognising that Scouting enables the training of citizens fully engaged in their communities and working to create a better world,
  - reaffirming the Scout Movement's commitment to peace and its responsibility as the world's leading educational youth movement,
  - recalling Conference Resolutions 1988-08, 2005-23, 2008-28, 2011-16, 2014-12, 2014-13, 2017-08, and 2021-10 on education and leadership in peace,
  - acknowledging United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/72/130, which was unanimously adopted by 193 member states proclaiming 16 May as the annual International Day for Living Together in Peace,
- invites all Member Organizations to annually celebrate the International Day of Living Together in Peace on 16 May;
  - encourages innovative national and international gatherings to strengthen youth leadership and skills to achieve the inclusive representation of young people in conflict prevention, resolution, and peacebuilding;
  - invites all Member Organizations to integrate education for a culture of peace into their programmes to establish political, social, and economic peace for the well-being of humanity and to develop skills and behaviours among young people that are conducive to living together in peace;
  - requests the World Scout Committee to develop and promote resources for Member Organizations, enabling them to understand and implement principles related to including young people in peacebuilding efforts.

*Proposed by: Madagascar*  
*Seconded by: Senegal*

# Background Information Document

## Prepared by the World Scout Bureau

**Draft  
Resolution  
background  
information**

**2024-J**

<b>Draft Resolution title:</b>	Living together in peace
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Madagascar

### Policy Implications

This Draft Resolution has an impact on the following policies or issues in WOSM/Member Organizations:

1. [Scouts for SDGs](#) and specifically the Messengers of Peace WOSM Initiative
2. [World Scout Youth Programme Policy](#) (2014)
3. [Humanitarian Action Guidelines](#)
4. [Strategy for Scouting 2024-2033](#)
5. World Triennial Plan 2024-2027
6. Peace advocacy work and positioning through WOSM Youth Representatives

### Historical Background

The following historical resolutions, decisions or proposals are relevant when considering this Draft Resolution:

1. [Conference Resolution 1977-19, 1988-08, and 2014-12](#): Charter of Human Rights, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Scouting and Human Rights
2. [Conference Resolution 1985-05, 1988-07, 1996-13, and 2021-10](#): Peace and Human Understanding, Education for Peace and Human Understanding, Peace, Leadership in Peace
3. [Conference Resolution 1983-04, 2008-20, and 2014-13](#): Peace Education, Education for Peace, Peace Education in Scouting
4. [Conference Resolution 1990-15, and 1999-18](#): International Day of Peace (21 September), International Year for a Culture of Peace
5. [Conference Resolution 2005-23, 2008-28, 2011-16, and 2017-08](#): Partnership with the United Nations, External Relations in Scouting, Youth, Peace and Security in External Relations, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

### Resource Implications

To successfully carry out this Draft Resolution, the following estimated resources would be needed:

Human	Financial
<p><i>Volunteers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Volunteers and WOSM Consultants supporting the implementation of the Messengers of Peace WOSM Initiative (<i>already planned</i>)</li> <li>- WOSM Youth Representatives (<i>already planned</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><i>The Messengers of Peace WOSM Initiative is well established and the below are already planned resources for the World Triennial Plan 2024-2027 budget (see <a href="#">Draft Resolution 2024-D</a>).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity building for Member Organizations, roll out the Messengers of Peace WOSM Initiative's Challenges to Member Organizations, and social media campaigns</li> <li>- Other costs associated with delivering WOSM Consultant support to Member Organizations through the WOSM Services</li> </ul>
<p><i>Staff:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Scout Bureau staff: 1.5 full-time equivalent</li> </ul> <p><small><i>This is an initial resource estimation based on WOSM's current operations for supporting the Messengers of Peace WOSM Initiative.</i></small></p>	
<p><i>External Resources (experts, trainers, consultants, etc.):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaboration with KAICIID for ongoing capacity building on Dialogue for Peace</li> <li>- Collaboration with other external partners in resource mobilization for development and implementation of campaigns, challenges and other programmes.</li> </ul>	