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## 1/98 Concerning Values and Lifestyles

The 20th Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

1. To renew its commitment to the values inherent in the Scout Promise and Law, expressed and developed in the Regional Educational Proposal.
2. To emphasize the need to live the following values:
  - Commitment, consistency and setting a constant example of one's own faith; in the area of the relationship with God.
  - Solidarity, service, respect for others and the defense of their rights, courtesy, loyalty, tolerance and the responsible participation in decision-making; in the area of the relationship with others.
  - Love and respect for life, progress which respects the integrity of the natural world, excellence in the tasks we undertake and austerity; in the relationship with the world.
  - Self-esteem, the constant effort to do better, individual freedom, responsibility, honour, loyalty and commitment; in the area of the relationship with oneself.

In accordance with this resolution, the Conference recommends to the associations of the Region and the Interamerican Scout Committee that they:

1. Develop tools to enable the clarification and practice of these values, such that all the participants of the Scout Movement freely adhere to them.
2. Call upon each leader to be a constant example of the above-mentioned values; and develop the necessary tools to support them in strengthening this quality.
3. Put in place a process of openness towards and contact with different community organisations, undertaking joint commitments to social development in the respective country; and encourage Scout groups and units to act in the same way at local and regional level.

## 2/98 Concerning the method of working used during the 20th Interamerican Scout Conference for analysing Values and Lifestyles

The 20th Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

To confirm the usefulness of analysing values on the basis of the four dimensions of the relationships of man, as expressed in the Regional Educational Proposal -the relationship with God, the relationship with others, the relationship with the world and the relationship with oneself-.

In accordance with this resolution, the Conference instructs the Interamerican Scout Committee that it:

Draws up and presents a proposal that at the 35th World Scout Conference the values to be expressed in the Mission of the Movement be analysed and grouped in accordance with the same four dimensions used in the Regional Educational Proposal and at the present Interamerican Scout Conference.

## 3/98 Concerning the development indicators in the new version of the document "Let's make a Group Plan"

The 20th Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

1. To warmly welcome the new version of the document "Let's make a Group Plan", and express its conviction that it will constitute a valuable tool for relaunching Strategy 2002 in the Region.
2. To confirm the importance for the application of the regional policy of analysing the new version of the document "Let's make a Group Plan", thus compiling opinions about the proposed tool.
3. To reaffirm that the success of the participative planning process beginning at the base of each national association, requires the appropriate training for leaders at all levels, also that the intermediate levels of the association carry out field support as required and that the national level adequately fulfils its responsibilities in terms of co-ordination and supervision.
4. To affirm the importance of disseminating, together with the strategic planning documents, the central aspects of the Regional Policy for each Strategic Area, such that all efforts can be incorporated into the search for common objectives.

In accordance with this resolution, the Conference recommends to the associations of the Region that they:

1. Give added thrust to the application of Strategy 2002, along with a process of planning techniques in leader training.
2. Use the planning documents produced by the Region directly or as reference for drawing up their own plans at all levels.

And recommends to the Interamerican Scout Committee that it:

1. Pass on to the Strategic Planning Commission the suggestions and recommendations made by the task forces which examined the document presented by the Interamerican Scout Office at the present Conference.
2. Commend to the Interamerican Scout Office the definitive edition of the document "Let's make a Group Plan".

## 4/98: Concerning the Growth

The 20th Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

To acknowledge the participation and contribution of the task forces which analysed the factors which favour or hinder the growth of associations, and include the main elements of their valuable conclusion in the Conference Report.

In accordance with this resolution, the Conference recommends to the associations of the Region that they:

Emphasise during 1998 the preparation of their leaders and the improvement of their management and field support systems with a view to relaunching Strategy 2002 from the first quarter of 1999.

## 5/98: Concerning the Meeting of the Network for the Production of Educational Material (REME)

The 20th Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

1. To acknowledge the contribution made to this Conference by the participants in the Meeting of the Network for the Production of Educational Material.
2. To reiterate the need to continue the work carried out by the Network for the Production of Educational Material.

In accordance with this resolution, the Conference recommends to the associations of the Region that they:

1. Apply the Regional Programme Policy (MACPRO) and use the tools produced at regional level for implementing the said policy.
2. Incorporate the National REME Correspondent into the appropriate national structure, in order to ensure that his or her work is effective.
3. Train the members of the National REME Networks in order to ensure the quality of the idea proposals sent to the Co-ordination Headquarters.

And recommends to the Interamerican Scout Committee that it:

1. Prioritise the production of training modules which enable the application of the Regional Programme Policy.
2. Encourage all the associations of the Region to join the Network for the Production of Educational Material, supporting the formation of national networks and the training of their members.

## 6/98 Concerning the Adult Resources Network Meeting

The 20th Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

1. To acknowledge the contribution made to this Conference by the participants in the Adult Resources Network Meeting.
2. To reiterate the need to continue the work carried out by the Adult Resources Network.

In accordance with this resolution, the Conference recommends to the associations of the Region that they:

1. Fully apply the Regional Human Resources Policy using the definitive edition of the document "The Leaders we Need" and other documents produced at regional level as reference material for the recruitment, training and follow-up of leaders.
2. Use the document "Handbook for Cub Scout Leaders" - produced by the Handbooks and Booklets Task Force - not only in the area of youth programme, but also for determining the contents of courses or training modules, adopting the same procedure for publications aimed at other sections.
3. Appoint stable correspondents for the Network and incorporate them into the appropriate national structure, in order to ensure that their work is effective.

And recommends to the Interamerican Scout Committee that it:

1. Encourage all the associations of the Region to join the Adult Resources Network.
2. Commend the Interamerican Scout Office with the definitive publication of the document "Positions, Responsibilities and Profiles of Scout Leaders" and disseminate it in the associations of the Region.

## 7/98 Concerning the Interamerican Youth Forum

The 20th Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

1. To acknowledge the contribution made to this Conference by the participants in the Interamerican Youth Forum and thank them for their work in benefit of the development of the Region.
2. To express its gratitude to the associations involved the Forum for their efforts in making it possible for the participants to be present. Likewise, it expresses its wish that all the associations of the Region try to follow their example.
3. To reaffirm the advantages of holding the Forum as one of the events prior to the Interamerican Scout Conference.
4. To highlight the valuable contribution that the youth delegates and observers have made to deliberations of this Conference.
5. To adopt the resolutions of this Forum, and commend the Interamerican Scout Committee with disseminating and implementing them as widely as possible. These resolutions consist of:

### VALUES AND LIFESTYLES

The Interamerican Youth Forum set out by basing its analysis on the Region's Educational Proposal, for which we express our support and our full adherence to the values expressed therein.

#### - THE RELATIONSHIP WITH ONESELF

We consider the values Scouting proposes to be essential for making a life plan, since we believe that by acquiring and developing these values, it is possible to make a change for the better in the individual.

In the light of this we make the following recommendations:

- 1- That the national associations reinforce the practice of these values, using them to update their advancement plans to cover all the areas of development of a young person.
- 2- Provide young people with all the possible support and opportunities to develop holistically and be able to take their projects forward.

#### - THE RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS

We are young people who seek to leave the world better than we find it and this is only possible through committed action on the part of each one of us.

Our understanding is that Scouting educates young people in solidarity, such that they develop an attitude of service towards others, acknowledging and accepting the inherent right of the individual to freely express their ideas and, through dialogue, find ways to undertake joint action.

In the light of this, and with a view to reinforcing Scout values, the Interamerican Youth Forum makes the following recommendations:

- 3- To incorporate elements into the Scout programme which target leadership development to extend to the social dimension.
- 4- We express our absolute agreement with the principles of the Scout Movement, but we consider it necessary to update the way they are expressed. We therefore recommend to the national associations that:
  - a) They draw up their own Educational Proposal based on the Regional Educational Proposal.
  - b) They analyse their existing versions of the Law and Promise to express them in a modern and attractive way.
- 5- To promote the interaction of our young people with diverse social organizations so that they can become leaders, planners and executors of activities undertaken in conjunction.

- 6- To make a special effort to incorporate into the Scout Movement - in terms of the WOSM World Constitution - individuals with some type of physical or mental impediment, or who suffer discrimination by reason of their origins, race, religious beliefs or social situation, since we are convinced that through the scout programme it is possible to overcome or alleviate the aspects which lead to their exclusion.
- 7- That the associations direct their best efforts at reaching the most economically disadvantaged sectors of society, since we consider that Scout education constitutes an effective way to combat poverty.

#### - THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD

As individuals, we believe ourselves to be committed to defending the integrity of the environment, respect for all forms of life and progress.

We consider that the urgency of the current situation requires more than a passive acceptance of our responsibility. It requires serious action and perseverance in the search for solutions.

Nature is a part of us, and we have the same obligations to it as we have to other people.

We therefore make the following recommendations:

- 8- That the national associations encourage the development of diverse actions aimed at protecting and interacting with the environment, with a view to making the Scout Movement a protagonist and example in the field.
- 9- To encourage cooperation with other organizations in projects aimed at protecting the life and the dignity of individuals, contributing to the education of young people for commitment to creating a fairer society.

#### - THE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

We consider that the Scout Movement should promote spirituality and the presence of God at all times. The values to be highlighted in this context are: commitment, loyalty, responsibility, understanding, respect and free expression of faith.

In order to encourage commitment to and development of these values the Interamerican Youth Forum makes the following recommendations:

- 10- To promote respect and tolerance of different religious beliefs.
- 11- To provide young people with the information they need about different religions to avoid prejudice arising as a result of ignorance.
- 12- To make the Scout Movement the ideal context for young people to freely express and live their faith.

#### YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING

The Forum ratified the policy on youth participation in decision-making, and developed proposals for improving the implementation of this policy in the Region.

The Interamerican Youth Forum recommends to the 20th Interamerican Scout Conference that it:

- 13- Revive the Youth Communications Network adopted by the participants of our Region at the VI World Youth Forum, the purpose of which is to exchange information and ideas.
- 14- Promote international cooperation among the associations of the Region, in order to encourage joint development and training projects.
- 15- Encourage the national associations to implement a training programme to improve their young people's participation and youth leadership.

- 16- To encourage the participation of youth members in all the Commissions of the Interamerican Scout Committee.
- 17- To encourage youth participation in all the decision-making processes in all the associations of the Region, by carrying out Youth Forums and other democratic instances.
- 18- To promote youth participation in the associations, with the right to speak and to vote in the decision-making structure.

## 8/98 Relative to the Summit of Chairpersons, Chief Commissioners and Executive Directors

The 20th Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

1. To acknowledge the contribution made to this Conference by the participants in the Summit of Chairpersons, Chief Commissioners and Executive Directors, and have the the conclusions of this Summit included in the Report of this Conference.
2. To hold at the beginning of 1999 a further meeting of the Summit of Chairpersons, Chief Commissioners and Executive Directors and to commend the Interamerican Scout Committee to summon it and set date and venue for the meeting.
3. To express its satisfaction that, as a result of this Summit, eleven associations have reached agreements for joint action with the Interamerican Scout Office for the development of the Regional Plan in their countries.

## 10/98: Resolution of Acknowledgement

The 20th Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

1. To thank Messrs Efraín González Luna Morfín, Secretary of Education of the State of Jalisco, and Francisco Ramírez Acuña, Municipal President of Guadalajara, for their presence and support during this 20th Interamerican Scout Conference, as well as the companies, organisations and individuals who have helped to prepare and carry it out.
2. To thank the Organising Commission of the 20th Interamerican Scout Conference for all its work and kind attentions to the participants.
3. To thank the Asociación de Scouts de México, A.C.

## 1/2001: Resolution concerning the Regional Objectives for period 2003-2005

The 21<sup>st</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference resolved to approve the following objectives for the 2003-2005 Regional Plan:

### **Youth Programme**

#### Objective 1

To intensify, within member associations, the knowledge, dissemination and application of the regional policy on youth programme.

#### Objective 2

To publish complementary material for the Cub Scout Section, according to the model for applying the regional policy.

#### Objective 3

To publish complementary material for the Scout Section, according to the model for applying the regional policy.

#### Objective 4

To publish the Handbooks for leaders and the tools for young people needed to apply the regional policy for the Sections covering the age ranges of 15 to 17 and 17 to 20.

#### Objective 5

To intensify the output of REME and promote, as a priority, the creation of national networks, taking into account the cultural diversity existing among the countries of the Interamerican Region.

### **Human Resources**

#### Objective 6

To set for this area the same priority as in the previous periods has been set for the youth programme, promoting that associations intensify the implementation of the regional policy on human resources and providing the required assistance to ensure that the systems in use are directly related to the new youth programme as prepared according to the regional policy.

#### Objective 7

To draw up agreements with the associations to activate renewal processes for their training system, in the three lines foreseen in the regional policy and provide the assistance that may be agreed upon in each case.

#### Objective 8

To evaluate the effect operation of and permanently update the models for applying the adult recruitment process, as produced at regional level in the prior period.

#### Objective 9

To complete the production of the models for applying the leader training process, particularly the production of training modules.

#### Objective 10

To evaluate the effect operation of and update the models for applying the follow-up process, as produced at regional

level.

Objective 11

To consolidate the Human Resources Network.

**Institutional Development**

Objective 12

To promote in the associations the implementation of the regional policy on institutional development approved by this Conference.

Objective 13

To consolidate the Institutional Development Network and publish the support material needed to implement the regional policy.

Objective 14

Consolidate the Youth Network and promote the participation of young people from 18 to 24 in the decision-making processes at national and regional level, setting up the mechanisms that ensure this participation.

Objective 15

To improve communications at regional level and promote frequent communications between the associations and their environment.

Objective 16

To draw up specific growth goals with the associations and prioritise the regional support for those associations that sign these agreements and adopt appropriate actions to achieve the goals agreed upon.

Objective 17

To keep the results of regional events at the same level as that achieved at the 11<sup>th</sup> Panamerican Scout Jamboree, and increase the presence of Region's associations at world youth events and at World Conferences.

Objective 18

To maintain a diversified fundraising policy, continuing to finance a 50% of the regional budget with funds raised by the Region's own initiatives.

Objective 19

To consolidate a regional publishing system, with the participation of national associations and using all possible systems of editing and dissemination, including virtual ones.

Objective 20

Influence the policies and practices at World level with the best of the Region's production in the recent past and is continuing to produce, and also adopt and adapt within the regional objectives, those elements of the World strategy that are relevant to the Region, or should be adopted to keep the universality of Scouting.

## 2/2001: Resolution concerning the coordination among the different strategic areas

The 21<sup>st</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference resolved:

1. That in order to achieve the Mission of Scouting it is required to work in a coordinated way among Youth Programme, Human Resources Management and Institutional Development.
2. In keeping with the above, it is recommended that the Interamerican Scout Committee develop guidelines for the Regional Networks and Task Forces in order to establish common goals so as to take joint actions that allow the achievement of the Mission of Scouting.
3. To recommend that National Scout Organisations adhere in an effective way to the regional policies in all strategic areas.
4. To recommend that National Scout Organisations set and maintain links for joint action among their national committees, work groups and relevant bodies.

## 3/2001: Resolution concerning the regional policy on Institutional Development

The 21<sup>st</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference resolved to approve the Institutional Development Policy as it was submitted by the Institutional Development Network with the following considerations:

- a. In order to reach a final wording of the relevant document, a committee is appointed composed of the 4 secretaries of the working groups that analysed the Policy at the Institutional Development Network meeting, the Coordinator of the Network, the ISO Institutional Development Director and the ISO Regional Director.
- b. This committee shall refine the wording of the document, particularly differentiating the policy from its background and, in those cases that it is deemed appropriate to explain these background, the original document that was analysed by the Network shall be used as a resource.

## 4/2001: Resolution concerning solidarity with the Boy Scouts of America

The 21<sup>st</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference, horrified at the dramatic events that have shaken the United States and the world on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>,

Expresses its deepest sympathy to their brothers and sisters of the Boy Scouts of America, its greatest admiration for the solidarity with all Scouters and youth have shown to the victims of the events and to their families, as well as its deep appreciation for sending a particularly strong delegation to this Conference in spite of these events.

## 1/2004 Resolutions related to the Regional Objectives 2006-2008 Youth Programme

The Conference assumes that by the end of 2005 the process of preparing educational material that started in August 1996 will have been completed and that all the Sections will have available the basic educational material for the implementation of their Youth Programme.

In accordance with this assumption, the following objectives are approved for the period 2006-2008:

1. To revitalize the implementation of the Scout Method at the grass roots level, to have at least 50% of the Region's associations apply the tools of the Regional Youth Programme Policy in their entirety, and to evaluate the application of the educational material produced.
2. To increase the output of REME at the regional level, widen its sphere of action to the production of complementary material and the updating of the tools prepared for all Sections, and to have at least 50% of the national associations with a functioning internal network.
3. To produce complementary material at different levels for all the Sections and to prepare projects in the following fields of priority action: youth involvement; support to adolescents in their transition to adulthood; equal opportunities of growth and leadership for girls and boys, women and men; and outreach to all segments of society.
4. Maintain the Youth Network and increase its effectiveness as the means of promoting the World Policy on Youth Involvement, as adopted in 2002 by the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki.
5. Encourage the Region's associations to implement the World Policy on Youth Involvement, as approved by them.

### Human Resources

The Conference assumes that by late 2004 the material envisaged in the regional policy for the recruitment, training and follow-up of adult leaders will have been published in the three lines included in the strategy.

The Conference likewise assumes that by the end of 2005 the process of dissemination of the Regional Human Resources Policy will have been completed and that by that time the associations' leaders will have an adequate knowledge of this policy.

According to these projections, the following objectives are approved for the period 2006- 2008:

1. To step up the implementation of the Regional Human Resources Policy at the national and local levels, with at least 50% of the Region's associations applying the policy and its tools in their entirety.
2. To reinforce the functioning of the Human Resources Network at the regional level, focusing its intervention on the ongoing evaluation and updating of the tools produced and on the production of complementary material for the recruitment, training and follow-up of adult leaders.
3. To prepare complementary material and to put in place a variety of projects and actions to contribute to

establishing a new concept of volunteering, to recruit and train a new type of volunteer and to design new ways to compensate the leaders for their work.

### **Institutional Development**

The Conference assumes that by late 2005 the national associations will have an adequate knowledge of the Regional Institutional Development Policy, that enough material will have been published for the implementation of its various steps and that 50% of the associations will have applied it at least in part.

On this basis, the following objectives are approved for the period 2006-2008:

1. To improve the integrated implementation of the Regional Institutional Development Policy, with at least 50% of the Region's associations applying the policy in its entirety, at both the national and local levels.
2. To strengthen the Institutional Development Network, focusing its action on the evaluation and updating of the tools produced, on the preparation of new instruments and on the dissemination of any idea, technique or concept that may help the national scout associations to become continuous learning organizations that are flexible, lean, innovative and participatory.
3. To intensify the action of the regional bodies in the field of communications, partnerships and resources, by developing specific initiatives, projects and tools to provide thrust and to help the national associations to improve their communications, step up their community involvement and increase their financial resources.
4. To maintain the regional policy of diversified fundraising, financing 50% of the regional budget with funds generated by regional action.
5. To support the regional and sub-regional youth events, ensuring that these reflect the Scout Method and the Regional Youth Programme Policy.
6. To have, by the end of 2008, the number of youth members of the Latin American and Caribbean associations increase by 15% with regard to the number of members they recorded at 31 December 2004.

## 2/2004 Specific Resolutions

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

1. That the ISC send to the associations an annual report on the progress of the Regional Plan, also including the membership of the associations for the preceding six years.
2. To adopt the recommendations made by the Institutional Development Network at its meeting of July 31, 2004, particularly those related to its new method of working and the challenges identified, including among its priorities the production of marketing tools for the Scout associations.
3. That the ISC send to the associations a copy of its budget and audited financial report each year.
4. That the ISC increase the production of Youth Programme and Human Resources publications in electronic format.
5. That, in fulfilling the directive set forth in Article 6, paragraph c., of the Regional Constitution, the ISC include with the convocation a preliminary agenda of the Conference. The Conference further resolves that in such communication, the ISC set a deadline for the associations to submit their suggestions as mentioned in Article 23, paragraph f., of the Regional Constitution.
6. That the ISC post on the Regional website a summary of the decisions made at its meetings and the full text of the resolutions adopted at the three preceding Interamerican Conferences.
7. That the ISC arrange for the training modules prepared for the next Interamerican Scout Conference to include a session designed to familiarize people with the Regional Constitution.
8. That the ISC set out the actions of the Regional Plan 2006-2008 in a manner that includes the follow-up elements for both qualitative and quantitative evaluation.

## 3/2004 Resolution of Confidence and Support

Following the reception of a full report on the Project for the Acquisition and Improvement of the Picarquín Training and Events Centre, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference expresses its full confidence and complete support to the Interamerican Scout Committee and the Regional Director in respect of all the decisions made and action taken regarding the project.

## 4/2004 Recommendations

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference recommends:

1. That the ISC provide the Networks with basic guidelines to enable them to pursue their activities in an organized and efficient manner, while encouraging the associations to place a particular emphasis on the involvement of youth members in those Networks.
2. That the ISC instruct the ISO to appoint a support executive for the Youth Network and, depending on financial availability, to assign a budget item to financing the expenses of that Network.
3. That the associations join the unified membership registration system initiative provided by the World Scout Bureau.
4. That the coming Regional Network meetings be organized to take place together with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference.
5. That subregional meetings concerning Educational Methods be organized between Interamerican Scout Conferences.

## 5/2004 Resolution of Sympathy

Horrified at the tragedy that took place in the capital city of Asunción on Sunday, 1 August, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference expresses its most heartfelt condolences, deepest sympathy and solidarity to the Scout Association of Paraguay and to the Paraguayan people and Government. The Conference resolves to hold a moment of silence at its Closing Session in memory of the victims, praying that their families may find hope and consolation.

## 1/2007 Chairpersons' Meeting

By virtue of the provisions of article 5a of the Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Organization, which stipulate that the Conference must stimulate the development of the Scout Movement in the Interamerican Region, by promoting the spirit of world-wide friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance between the members of the Interamerican Scout Organization, the NSOs attending the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference in Quito, Ecuador agreed:

To include, as part of the proceedings of future Regional Conferences, a forum in which the most senior representatives of the NSOs and the regional bodies (for example, ISC members, Chairpersons, National Chief Scouts, Executive Directors and WSB-IR) can meet to interchange ideas and topics of common interest proposed in advance by them. This meeting shall be coordinated by the Interamerican Scout Committee.

## 2/2007 Surveys of Former Scouts

Bearing in mind that:

- The follow-up programmes conducted by the Region's NSOs should give consideration to the problem of falling numbers of Scout leaders and the need to know why they leave or drift away from Scouting in the respective organizations;
- Information from people who leave their NSOs, compiled through surveys, questionnaires and systems of indicators, could provide the NSOs with a range of important reasons for this loss and considerations in this regard;

We recommend that the NSOs of the Interamerican Scout Region prepare, to the best of their abilities, surveys of former leaders in order to gain systematic insight into the reasons they have left and thus take suitable measures to deal with the problem.

## 3/2007 Environment and Sustainable Development

Considering:

1. The alarming social and environmental situation in the countries of the Region;
2. That respect for the natural world is one of the fundamental principles of Scouting;
3. That the World Scout Conference declared in favour of emphasizing the need to raise the profile of ecological and environmental matters in youth programmes, adult training and in all the operations of the Organization, by carrying out activities related to environmental education and promoting cooperation with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
4. That the World Scout Conference has adopted resolutions on the role of the environment in the Scout Method and the Scout Law and in the educational principles of Scouting, insisting on the need to improve and implement environmental education programmes, the Scouts of the World programme and the World Scout Conservation Award; as well as the need to set up a special task force to help NSOs to enhance the environmental education included in their youth programmes and generate sustainable activities and instill habits of responsible consumption at all levels;
5. That, regarding relations between the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the United Nations, the World Scout Conference has expressed full support for the objectives that resulted from the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the need to take steps at all levels to maintain and strengthen relations between the two organizations;
6. That over 90% of projects carried out by NSOs and presented at the Social Development Projects Fair at this Interamerican Scout Conference focus on environmental and sustainable development work;

We recommend:

1. Reaffirming the Interamerican Scout Organization's commitment to environmental protection and sustainable development by taking concrete action at all levels of the Organization, including:
  - The implementation and strengthening of the Scouts of the World Programme in the NSOs of the Interamerican Region;
  - The revitalization of the SCENES programme (Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment); and
  - The implementation of the Scout World Conservation Badge in line with the recommendations and modernization measures proposed by WOSM's task force on environmental education.
2. That the Interamerican Scout Committee (ISC), the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Region (WSB-IR) and the Programme Network provide sufficient tools and support to set up a special task force and/or an Interamerican Scout Environmental Network, to develop new resources and materials, appointing a correspondent in each NSO to act as a liaison and representative.
3. That the NSOs create a special team devoted to implementing best practices in their national activities as regards good management of natural areas, the separation of waste materials, responsible consumption, the use of environmentally friendly materials, good use of water and energy and the implementation of environmentally low-impact activities.
4. That the steps taken by NSOs in relation to item 3. above be presented at the Social Development Projects Fair of the respective Conference.
5. That the ISC and WSB-IR review the proposal of the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean in order to generate a cooperation agreement with that agency.

## 4/2007 Scouts of the World

- Considering that Scouting's Mission is to help young people to develop competences that help them to act and be involved in society;
- Considering that the Millennium Development Objectives formulated by the United Nations offer us the opportunity, today more than ever, to include topics of education for peace, development and the environment in our educational programme;
- Considering that the programme "Scouts of the World" represents an opportunity to improve the youth programme in the Venturer and Rover Sections;
- Bearing in mind resolution 11/05 on the World Youth Forum and resolution 23/05 on the formation of partnerships with the United Nations, adopted at the 37<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference in Hammamet, Tunisia in 2005;
- Referring to recommendations 6 and 12 of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the World Youth Forum held in Hammamet, Tunisia in 2005;

We recommend that the ISC:

- Promote and encourage the implementation of the "Scouts of the World" programme in the Region's NSOs.
- Create a task force of young adults who are members of NSOs and who are interested in implementing the programme in the Interamerican Region.

## 5/2007 System of Development Indicators for National Scout Associations

Considering the resolutions adopted at the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Institutional Development Network held in Quito, Ecuador, we recommend:

- Requesting NSOs to adopt the system of indicators approved by the IDN and to use them as a management tool. The national representatives of the IDN within each NSO will likewise enhance the system of indicators appropriately for their respective Association.
- Requesting the regional authorities to allocate regional budget resources to implementing the indicators and providing support for national efforts.
- Urging NSOs to appoint and maintain a national IDN correspondent to work with the network coordinator and the WSB-IR support executive.

## 6/2007 Reading of Resolutions

Considering that:

- The Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Organization does not provide specific indications on the proceedings of the Interamerican Scout Conference;
- It is important to maintain a record and to ensure that the resolutions and agreements of the Interamerican Scout Conference are followed up;

We agree that the agenda of future Conferences will include a report from the Interamerican Scout Committee on follow-up and results of the resolutions approved at previous Regional Conferences.

## 7/2007 Headquarters of the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Region

Considering discussions held at a meeting of delegates attending the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference in Quito, Ecuador, to the effect that:

- The headquarters of the World Scout Bureau-Interamerican Region are located at one extreme of the Continent;
- The travel costs involved in reaching those headquarters present difficulties for some NSOs;
- The location affects most of the organizations' possibilities of attending working activities convened for implementing plans that contribute to the development of the Interamerican Region and its member organizations;

Further to Chapter III, article 15 of the Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Organization approved by the 19<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia in September 1995, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference resolves that:

1. The Interamerican Scout Committee (ISC) should prepare a feasibility study to examine the advantages of maintaining the present location or moving to a new one, within six (6) months from this date. This study should consider cost, time and accessibility, as well as other factors that the Committee considers should be included for the benefit of the member organizations.
2. The ISC will send the findings of this study to the Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement for his consideration.

## 8/2007 Social Projects

Considering:

- That Scouting around the world represents a social force;
- That participation in social development projects contributes decisively to the all- round education of children and young people in Scouting;
- That sharing the experiences of the Interamerican Region's NSOs in this area enables other associations to reproduce successful experiences and thus raise the profile of Scouting in their own country, also enhancing the educational programme for children and young people;
- That participation of the Interamerican Region's NSOs in the Social Development Projects Fair, organized on the occasion of the Interamerican Scout Conference, is not yet very numerous;

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference resolves:

1. To encourage the NSOs of the Interamerican Region to engage in a larger number of Social Development Projects, documenting their experiences as well as possible.
2. To request the NSOs of the Interamerican Region to participate actively in the Social Development Projects Fair convened at each Interamerican Scout Conference, exhibiting the results of projects carried out since the previous Interamerican Scout Conference.
3. To request each NSO to prepare and deliver a brief report giving an account of the projects presented at the Social Development Projects Fair.

## 9/2007 Current Situation of the World Scout Movement

- In view of the recent developments which culminated in the departure of the Secretary General;
- Faced with the imminent danger of a split within the World Organization of the Scout Movement as it stands today and given the historic responsibility of all members to promote the unity, protection and enlargement of the Movement and to apply their efforts to achieve the shared Vision, Mission and Objectives;
- Given that the management and implementation bodies must act professionally and transparently at all times and must report on their results to all their members in an official, comprehensive and timely manner through the established channels of communication;
- Given that the existence of obstacles and differences of opinion or points of view are healthy and important, providing that they are dealt with in an honest, cordial environment of constructive criticism and positive proposals, WITHOUT LOSING SIGHT OF OUR PURPOSE—to work for the education of children and young people in our countries;

The National Scout Organizations attending the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference in Quito, Ecuador resolve:

1. To exhort the world authorities of the Scout Movement and the National Associations to preserve the unity of World Scouting as a heritage that belongs to the youth of the world and to refocus on protecting and enlarging World Scouting, seeking to do so in an environment of peace, friendship and cooperation among members.
2. To demand that decision-making and dispute settlement, like any other actions aimed at the achievement of our purpose and objectives, be carried out in strict accordance with the Constitution of the World Scout Movement.
3. That the democratically elected decision-making bodies, such as the World Scout Committee and the Interamerican Scout Committee, as well as the World Scout Bureau, oversee and work to ensure professional and transparent behaviour, also ensuring that the NSOs receive full and timely information through official channels.
4. To demand a transparent process, free of any kind of pressure, in the selection and appointment of future Secretary Generals of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

## 10/2007 Picarquín Training and Events Centre

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference declares that:

- It has taken note of the report prepared in September 2007 for the World Scout Committee's Audit Committee;
- The World Scout Committee has reported that it is conducting a comprehensive analysis of the current situation of Picarquín TEC; and
- The World Scout Committee recommends the sale of Picarquín TEC under the best conditions possible.

In addition, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference requests that if Picarquín TEC is to be sold, the Interamerican Scout Region should receive a proportional share of the resulting profits, representing all the shares belonging to it.

## 11/2007 Youth Participation

Considering that:

- Priority number 1 of the Strategy for Scouting—Youth Participation—has received attention from the Region, which we hope will continue;
- The experience of leaders in Scouting could be used as a strength for the Youth Network through enhanced cooperation;
- The Youth Network has been able to coordinate in a structured manner thanks to the support of the Region and to the NSOs involved, but greater support at all levels would enable it to develop consistently;
- Intergenerational follow-up in the Youth Network has generated potential leaders and continuity in the Region;
- The Youth Network has encouraged the interchange of experiences, thereby helping to conserve the Mission and Vision of Scouting;
- The Youth Network has sought to encourage youth participation in NSOs, but it is necessary to generate a permanent and effective flow of communication between the national and regional levels;

We recommend:

1. That the NSOs, the ISC and the World Scout Bureau-Interamerican Region promote and strengthen the participation, involvement and empowerment of young people at all levels of Scouting and of other platforms of youth participation, as well as in decision-making.
2. That the NSOs promote and facilitate access to information of interest using formal and informal dissemination strategies, so as to make such information into a tool for training young people.
3. That the NSOs and the ISC adopt World Scout Conference Resolution 11/05 on the development objectives of the youth participation strategy, especially:
  - That the NSOs recognize the great potential enshrined in youth by including young people in their national delegations to Regional and World Scout Conferences, and in local and national decision-making processes;
  - That the young people who make up and represent the Youth Network coordination team (the corresponding structure) be elected by their peers transparently and democratically, with significant responsibilities at the national and regional levels; and
  - That the NSOs adopt the Scouts of the World programme as a means of generating youth leaders and developing projects that have a real impact on society and as a tool of youth participation.
4. That the ISC, WSB-IR and the Youth Network jointly develop a working and funding strategy for promoting youth participation at all levels, including the provision of spaces for participation in the regional networks and task forces, seeking the best possible strategies to achieve our objectives.

## 12/2007 Regional Structures

The Conference wishes to express that it:

- Welcomes the Governance Review Task Force at the world level; and
- Supports the undertaking of a full review of how the Scout Movement is run and administered at the world and regional levels.

At the same time, it understands that:

- All levels of the Organization exist to serve young people's needs, directly or indirectly; and
- It is incumbent upon the current regional structure to serve the Region's young people by:
  - providing relevant support for the Region's NSOs and their needs, and
  - providing a suitable support network to facilitate the work of each NSO.

The Conference declares that:

- The Interamerican Region seeks to ensure, in due course and in an appropriate manner, the opportunity to submit proposals and review the recommendations made by the Governance Review Task Force at the world level, as well as the opportunity to make specific proposals and participate in the implementation of such recommendations in the Interamerican Region.
- The Interamerican Region declares that the regional structure (Conference, Committee and Regional office) is vital for the proper functioning of WOSM, such that those structures must play a key role in decision-making, in the administration of funds generated in the region, in the budget and in regional strategy, in agreement with the world level, and the participatory administration of the regional headquarters of the World Scout Bureau.

## 13/2007 Financial Statements

Further to discussions held at a meeting of members of the Interamerican Region during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference in Quito, Ecuador, and considering:

- That under article 5e of the Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Organization it is the responsibility of the Interamerican Scout Conference to "Study the reports and resolve on recommendations presented by the Member Organizations and by the Interamerican Scout Committee";
- That the Regional Office's report to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference did not include financial statements, annexes and other financial matters relating to the last period;
- That it is crucially important to ensure that the associations have timely and comprehensive access to the Region's financial information in order to help maintain an image of transparency and proper resource management;

By virtue of the above, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference RECOMMENDS:

1. That the report presented by WSB-IR include preliminary financial statements, the outcomes of budget implementation and of efforts and steps undertaken, and any other financial aspect related to the corresponding financial period that is of interest to the members.
2. That financial and budget implementation reports be sent each semester to the NSOs.
3. That national associations be informed in a timely manner of other aspects relating to the regional finances.

## 1/10 Triennial Report

### CONSIDERING:

- a. That the publication of a triennial report to be presented to the Interamerican Scout Conference constitutes good governance practice.
- b. That the Interamerican Scout Office must maintain an efficient communication network system throughout the Region.

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS

1. That the Interamerican Scout Committee sends to NSOs the triennial report, the financial report, and the feedback on the decisions taken by the previous Interamerican Scout Conference, at least one month in advance of the Conference.

## 2/10 Agenda

### CONSIDERING

- a. That the 22nd Interamerican Scout Conference passed a resolution asking the Interamerican Scout Committee, in fulfillment of article 6, paragraph c, of the Regional Constitution, in reference with the notice of ordinary meetings, to publish a preliminary agenda of the Conference; that it also resolved that NSOs would abide with a set deadline for the submission of suggested agenda items to be considered;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE RESOLVES:

1. That the Interamerican Scout Committee sends the preliminary agenda, indicating in particular which topics will be discussed in plenary sessions, at least Ninety days before the Conference.
2. Suggestions for topics for discussion must be submitted to the Interamerican office by NSOs at most thirty days after the publication of the preliminary agenda

## 3/10 Candidates

### CONSIDERING

- a. That NSOs require greater and more detailed knowledge of the candidates to be elected as members of ISC.
- b. That in pursuance of Article 5, paragraph h, it is a function of the Interamerican Scout Conference, to approve the amendments to its Constitution and Regulations

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE RESOLVES:

1. That the Candidates to the Committee should send to all Interamerican Scout NSOs, well in advance, by whatever means they decide, their proposals for action should they be elected to the committee

## 4/10 Grants

### CONSIDERING

- a. That open calls are regularly published by various institutions for postgraduate academic studies or research projects, for which leaders from the Regional NSOs would be interested in applying.
- b. That, as specified in Article 31, paragraph I, it is the role of the Interamerican Scout Office to maintain an efficient communication network.

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS:

1. That the Interamerican Scout Office publishes on the WOSM official website all necessary information so that the leaders of the Region are aware of available study grants.

## 5/10 Sub-Regions

### CONSIDERING

- a. The extent of the territory comprised by our Region and the large number of NSOs within it, as well as the difficulties in direct communication and the cost involved
- b. The clear needs of mentoring and direct support that different NSO require from the Interamerican Scout Office.
- c. That according to article 31, paragraph d and f, the Interamerican Scout Office has the functions of advise and provide technical assistance to the Member Organizations; and identify and train leaders at regional and national level in consultation with the Member Organizations;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS:

1. That the Interamerican Scout Office studies the feasibility of setting up operational sub- regions that help achieve better results, analyzing also the possibility of the appointment of an executive to each operational sub-region that delivers support to NSO that are in it.

## 6/10 Environment

### CONSIDERING

1. That environmental issues are of great importance to the Scout Movement, as confirmed by the adoption of various Regional and World Conference Resolutions
2. That the 23rd Interamerican Scout Conference, held in Quito, Ecuador, decided the necessity of establishing a special working group and/or an Interamerican Scout network focused on Environmental issues

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE AGREES:

1. To implement, through the Interamerican Scout Office, the Interamerican Environmental Scout Network, focused on developing environmental guidelines, adapted to the context of the Region, and ensure holistic training in environmental citizenship.
2. To stick strictly to the resolutions on environment as approved by World Scout Conferences and Regional Scout Conferences
3. To include issues related to adaptation and mitigation of climate change in a cross functional way, extending the work to Youth Programmes and Human Resources.

## 7/10 Establishment of Dates of Events

### CONSIDERING:

- a. That the World Scout Bureau, Interamerican Regional Office, should encourage the participation of NSOs in regular gatherings for youth and adults, by conducting meetings at regional or sub regional level, so as to strengthen the various regional networks, sharing best practice in some of the Associations of the Region so that it can be replicated.

### The INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE AGREES

1. That the World Scout Bureau, Interamerican Region, should consult the NSOs in the Region to establish the most appropriate dates for these meetings, considering, in the case of young people, their matching days with holiday season.

## 8/10 Networks System

### CONSIDERING:

- a. That there are important improvements in the implementation of the Regional Policies on Youth Programme, Human Resources and Institutional Development areas in some National Scout Organizations, despite the fact that consulting methods are still to be developed in order to implement the objectives of the Regional Plan 2011-2014;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE AGREES:

1. To recommend to National Scout Organizations take a more active part in the networks' system of the Interamerican Region.
2. To request the Interamerican Scout Committee to facilitate an annual meeting of the working networks.

## 9/10 Image

### CONSIDERING:

- a. That the World Scout Bureau has designed a brand and image campaign at world level;
- b. That this campaign includes brand and technical tools for application at national level;
- c. That it is necessary to support the world level effort to position the Scout Brand as a mechanism for growth;
- d. That the benefits a National Scout Organization will receive following appropriate use of the Scout Brand will be highly positive;
- e. That in concordance with article 31, paragraph a, it is function of the World Scout Bureau –Interamerican Region to comply with the instructions and guidelines of the World Scout Bureau – Central Office in matters relating to the Region;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS:

1. That National Scout Organizations adopt the image and brand campaign of the World Scout Movement and they do the best to share experiences in the use and application of the scout image and brand campaign.

## 10/10 Electronic Publication

### CONSIDERING:

- a. The need for National Scout Organizations to be informed about the activities and decisions of the Interamerican Scout Committee;
- b. The importance of establishing greater contact between the Interamerican Scout Committee and National Scout Organizations;
- c. That, as specified in Article 31, paragraph i, it is the role of the World Scout Bureau –Interamerican Region to maintain an efficient communication network;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE AGREES:

1. To request the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Region to publish regularly on the website the decisions made by the Interamerican Scout Committee.

## 11/10 Youth Network

### CONSIDERING:

- a. That the priority number 1 of the Strategy for Scouting, Youth Participation, demands real follow-up by the Interamerican Scout Region;
- b. That the Youth Network encourages the exchange of experiences, generating and enriching potential leaders in the Region, and contributes to maintaining the Mission and Vision of the Scout Movement;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE AGREES:

1. To ask the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Region to provide professional support the Youth Network.
2. To ask the Interamerican Scout Committee to circulate among the National Scout Organizations the different materials developed and presented by the Youth Network.
3. To encourage all National Scout Organizations to provide the necessary support to their young representatives so that they can take part in the different activities of the Youth Network.
4. To lowering the established age range for participation in the Youth Network from the current 18 to 26 years to a new range of 15 to 24 years old.
5. To ask the Interamerican Scout Committee to promote among the National Scout Organizations, according to their resources, the inclusion of at least a young person under the age of 24 to participate in the work of the active networks in the Region, in order to guarantee the participation of young people and the work of the active Network in the Region.
6. To ask the Interamerican Scout Committee, the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Region and the coordinators of the other Networks to support the work of the Youth Network.
7. To ask the Interamerican Scout Committee to promote among the National Scout Organizations the goals of the Youth Network and its way of working, to guarantee a successful development of the network.

## 12/10 Picarquín Centre

### CONSIDERING:

- a. The negative impact that the Picarquín project has had on the budget of the Interamerican Region;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE AGREES:

1. To ratify the decision taken at the 23rd Interamerican Scout Conference.
2. To ask the World Scout Committee to eliminate the service of the debt related to Picarquín from the budget of the Interamerican Region for fiscal year 2010-2011.

## 13/10 Regional Properties

### CONSIDERING:

- a. The relocation of the Regional Office from Santiago, Chile, to the City of Knowledge in Panama;
- b. That WOSM should dedicate its efforts to the support and development of the Scout Movement in the various countries which are part of the Region;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE AGREES:

1. That the regional properties currently located in Santiago, Chile, and San José, Costa Rica, be sold in favourable conditions and when it be possible.
2. That the profits from these eventual sales be handed to the Interamerican Scout Foundation, so that the interest can be employed to cover the expenses of the new Regional Office.

## 14/10 Amendments to the World Constitution

### CONSIDERING:

- a. The importance of more representative participation of Regions in World Scout Committee meetings;
- b. The practice that has prevailed so far of renewing its membership by 50% every three years, in order to implement world policies;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE SUGGESTS:

1. That National Scout Organizations support the suggestion to amend the World Constitution to enable Regional Committee Chairmen to be members of the World Scout Committee with voting rights.
2. That National Scout Organizations support the suggestion that the term of service of World Scout Committee members should be six years.

## 15/10 Scouting Antiano

### CONSIDERING:

- a. That Netherlands Antilles are part of the Kingdom of Holland, with similar status to the Netherlands, and that they have a high level of autonomous governance including their own flag, language and currency;
- b. That Scouting Antiano is a legal entity, recognized by the government of the Netherlands Antilles;
- c. That the Scout Law and Promise are clear requirements for young and adults as stated in its Constitution;
- d. That since 1964, it has been an association independent of the Netherlands;
- e. It has more than 1,000 members;
- f. That there exist great cultural differences from the Netherlands;
- g. They are located miles away from Holland;
- h. That since 1995 Scouting Antiano has regularly taken part in Regional Conferences and Summits, as well as World Conferences;
- i. It is a strong scout association, which has developed excellent activities not only at national, but also at subregional and regional level;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE EXPRESSES:

1. Its blessing so Scouting Antiano can be admitted as a full member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

## 16/10 Regional Objectives

### CONSIDERING:

- a. That the Regional Networks have met as part of the 24th Interamerican Scout Conference in Panama City and they have received and reviewed the proposed General Objectives for the triennium 2011-2014;
- b. That the networks have made suggestions for improving the text of the General Objectives, maintaining their spirit with no alterations or additional recommendations;
- c. That the Networks found that the General Objectives proposed give ample scope to develop actions in line with what each network is developing in its field of action within the regional context;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE AGREES:

1. To approve the proposed General Objectives for the Regional Plan 2011-2014.
2. That the Interamerican Scout Committee take into account the suggestions and contributions made by the networks when preparing the final document of Regional Plan 2011-2014.

## 17/10 Youth Programme Policy

### CONSIDERING:

- a. That the Youth Program Network gathered on the occasion of the 24th Interamerican Scout Conference in the City of Panama, and reaffirmed that the Regional Youth Programme Policy currently in use is the Methodology for Updating and Continuous Development of the Programme (MACPRO);
- b. That it was noted that there is a need to have a document clearly expressing the current Youth Program Policy which up to now is only described in them aforementioned methodology;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

1. That the Interamerican Scout Committee prepare a document presenting in a holistic way the current Regional Youth Programme Policy.

## 18/10 Response Facing Natural Disasters

### CONSIDERING:

- a. The latest natural disasters which have taken place in Haiti and Chile;
- b. That, in both cases, the respective National Scout Organizations have carried out
- c. outstanding service in support of the victims, with the help of various NGOs and with the limited help of those who should have contributed more;

### THE INTERAMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS:

1. That the Interamerican Scout Committee prepares an Emergency Response Plan capable of delivering the necessary technical and financial support to National Scout Organizations working in the place where a natural disaster has happened.

## 1/13 Interamerican Youth Involvement Policy “On the Road Towards the Empowerment of Young People”

Considering

- That the 33rd World Scout Conference, meeting in 1993 in Bangkok, Thailand, adopted the Policy on Involvement of Young Members in Decision Making. That the Interamerican Scout Committee agreed to establish the Youth Network in compliance with the proposal of the Interamerican Youth Forum held in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1998, and adopted by resolution No. 7 of the 20th Interamerican Scout Conference.
- That the constituent meeting of the Youth Network was held in Cochabamba, Bolivia, in March 2001, where the needs of youth were identified at the individual level, from their national associations and regional level.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- To adopt the Interamerican Youth Involvement Policy “On the road towards the empowerment of young people”.
- To request the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the necessary steps to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the Interamerican Youth Involvement Policy “On the road towards the empowerment of young people”.
- To invite National Scout Organizations to implement the provisions of the Interamerican Youth Involvement Policy “On the road towards the empowerment of young people”.
- To request the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the necessary steps to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the Interamerican Youth Programme Policy “One Mission, many adventures”

## 2/13 Interamerican Youth Programme Policy “One Mission, Many Adventures”

Considering

- That the 32nd World Scout Conference, held in Paris, France, in 1990, adopted the World Programme Policy recognizing that the Youth Programme is the primary means to achieve the purpose of the Scout Movement and the key to attracting and retaining members.
- That the Interamerican Scout Conference, held in 2010 at the Ciudad del Saber, Panama:
  - Assessed the need for a document that clearly expresses the current Policy of Youth Programme, until recently only referred to in the Method for Creation and Continuous Updating of the Youth Programme (MACPRO in Spanish);
  - Asked that the Interamerican Scout Committee to develop a document that clearly expresses the current Policy of Youth Programme, until recently only referred to in the aforementioned methodology.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- To adopt the Interamerican Youth Programme Policy “One Mission, many adventures”.
- To present in a comprehensive manner the elements and core concepts that underpin the development of the Youth Programme in the Interamerican Scout Region, serving as a framework and support for the development, innovation, implementation and evaluation tasks of the Youth Programme, both at the regional level and at the level of the NSO.
- To invite National Scout Organizations to implement the provisions of the Interamerican Youth Programme Policy

“One Mission, many adventures”

### 3/13 Interamerican Adults in Scouting Policy “The Adults We Need”

Considering

- That the 39th World Scout Conference adopted the World Adults in Scouting Policy as representing WOSM's policy on the acquisition, retention, training, personal development and management of adults within the Scout Movement, having modified in this way the provisions of the previous World Adults in Scouting Policy and resolutions
- That the Interamerican Scout Committee considered the importance of revising the regional policy “The leaders we need” adopted in 1995, with the intent to:
  - harmonize it with the World Adults in Scouting Policy;
  - introduce key elements that consolidate it and shape it into a proper policy;
  - strengthen the process of implementation of the competency-based approach in the adult management system.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- To adopt the Interamerican Adults in Scouting Policy “The adults we need”. That the policies and procedures on adult management as established by previous resolutions are now modified by the adoption of the provisions of the Interamerican Adults in Scouting Policy “The adults we need”.
- To request the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the necessary steps to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the Interamerican Adults in Scouting Policy “The adults we need”.
- To invite National Scout Organizations to implement the provisions of the Interamerican Adults in Scouting Policy “The adults we need”.

### 4/13 Interamerican Policy of Institutional Development Considering

- That the 3rd Summit of Presidents and Executive Directors, meeting in Cochabamba, Bolivia in 2001, promoted the adoption of an Institutional Development Policy for the Interamerican Scout Region.
- That the 21st Interamerican Scout Conference held in Cochabamba, Bolivia in 2001 unanimously approved its present Scout Associations, the hitherto existing Institutional Development Policy of the Interamerican Region.
- That the Interamerican Scout Committee considered it important to review the Institutional Development Policy, adopted in 2001, with the intention of:
  - adapt to the needs and current conditions demand surrounding;
  - introduce key elements that consolidate and constitute a proper policy;
  - facilitate and strengthen the implementation process based on a modern and flexible structure, which is consistent with the principles and values of Scouting.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- Adopt the Interamerican Policy of Institutional Development.
- Than the procedures of Policy of Institutional Development as set out in previous resolutions are now modified with the adoption of the provisions of the current Policy of Institutional Development.
- Ask to the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the necessary measures to ensure implementation of the provisions of the Policy of Institutional Development.

- Invite NSOs to implement the provisions of the Policy of Institutional Development.

## 5/13 General Objectives of the Region for the Triennium 2014-2016

Considering

- That the Regional Networks have met as part of the 25th Interamerican Scout Conference and they have received and reviewed the General Objectives proposed for the Region the triennium 2011-2014; presented by the Interamerican Scout Committee;
- That the Networks found that the General Objectives proposed give ample scope to develop actions in line with what each Network is developing in its field of action within the regional context.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- To approve the General and Specific Objectives proposed for the Regional Plan 2014- 2016, for the area of Youth Programme, Adults in Scouting, Institutional development and Image.
- To ask the Interamerican Scout Committee to take into account the suggestions and contributions that the networks make when drafting the final document of the Regional Plan 2014-2016, and take the necessary measures ensure its implementation.
- To invite National Scout Organizations to participate actively in the implementation of the Regional Plan 2014-2016.

## 6/13 Permanent Information of Decisions of The Interamerican Scout Committee

Considering

- That the Interamerican Scout Organization shall be led and administered by the Interamerican Scout Committee, on the basis of the objectives, policies and lines of action established by the Interamerican Scout Conference, as indicated by article 7 of the Regional Constitution.
- That, according to article 23 of the Regional Constitution it corresponds to the Regional Scout Committee, among others:
  - Approve the Regional Plan.
  - To act as an advisory body to the World Scout Committee.
  - To encourage, promote and support world, regional or subregional events held within the Region.
  - To act on behalf and in representation of the Interamerican Scout Conference between its meetings.
- That Article 16 of the Constitution of the Interamerican Scout, establishes: The Interamerican Scout Committee shall meet in ordinary session at least twice per year, at the venue decided by its members. At the said meetings it shall review the results obtained during the preceding period and, if appropriate, shall modify such plans as it has for the subsequent period after considering the reports of the members of the Interamerican Scout Committee, its Commissions and the Interamerican Scout Office, as well as the recommendations of the World Scout Committee.
- That National Scout Associations require to be permanently aware of the Interamerican Scout Committee's agreements allowing greater relationship between this entity and NSOs.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- To request the Interamerican Scout Committee permanent information of their agreements through the publication of six months reports aimed at the National Scout Associations
- Request compliance with article 29 of the Regional Constitution that establishes: The Regional Treasurer shall submit annually to the approval of the Interamerican Scout Committee, within ninety days of the end of the respective fiscal year, a report which includes the audited balance and the account statements of the funds of the Interamerican Scout Committee. When this report has been approved by the said body, it will be sent to the World

Scout Committee for its approval and then distributed to the member organizations of the Region.

## 7/13 Presentation of the Candidates to the Interamerican Scout Committee

Considering

- That article 3 of the Interamerican Scout Organization, establishes that: The Interamerican Scout Organization is composed of the following bodies:
  - a. the Interamerican Scout Conference;
  - b. the Interamerican Scout Committee; and
  - c. the Interamerican Scout Office.
- That according with article 7 of its Constitution, The Interamerican Scout Organization shall be led and administered by the Interamerican Scout Committee, on the basis of the objectives, policies and lines of action established by the Interamerican Scout Conference.
- Its members shall consider the interests of the Scout Movement as a whole and of the Interamerican Region in particular, and shall neither consider themselves nor be considered to be representatives of any Member Organization.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- To recommend to the candidates to integrate the Interamerican Scout Committee, according to Resolution 10-3 adopted by the 24 Interamerican Scout Conference, to send to all National Scout Organizations, well in advance, by whatever means they decide, their proposals for action should they be elected to the Committee.

## 8/13 Treatment Against Bullying

Considering

- That violence affects children and young people, being a global problem, such as bullying. Although there are laws in various countries of the Region, that sanction and establish the implementation of norms to combat and counteract violence in educational institutions, there is little knowledge in communities and among parents about the danger of this type of violence.
- That, many victims feel unable to report and communicate to their parents because they can not defend themselves against their attackers, exacerbating this problem, which does not escape the Scout Movement.
- That, Scouting promotes and provides spaces through its program, respect and peaceful coexistence between the school and the community, thus avoiding the so-called bullying.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- To request that the Youth Programme and Environment, Peace and Development Networks develop together tools to support NSOs for the promotion of Human Rights, emphasizing the prevention of bullying.

### **09/13 Support to the Scout Association of Bolivia**

The National Scout Organizations participants of the XXV Interamerican Scout Conference held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in September 2013, express their support for the Scout Association of Bolivia in its legal procedures with the Autonomous Municipal Government of Cochabamba, for the right to use the ground where National Scout Headquarters and Development Centre is built. Also, it request the Municipal, departmental and national authorities,

to give their support to the educational action of Scouting in Bolivia.

## 10/13 Recognition in the Interamerican Policies, Actions, and Others, the Presence of Children in Our Region

Considering

- That the position and policies are lacking the concept of childhood, referring only to the youth, which does not take into account the needs of children in America.
- That childhood is clearly typed and is different to the concept of youth. The United Nations has defined on the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Adopted and opened for signature and ratification by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/25 of November 20, 1989, entered into force: September 2, 1990, in accordance with Article 49. (<http://www2.ohchr.org/spanish/law/crc.htm>)
- From this perspective the Scout documents relate only to the term young or youth which leaves bare this essential part of our movement, because we must take into account the difference in the needs of young people and children. So it should be implemented in the drafting of all documents in the American Region including the concept of childhood and youth as a whole, in respect to the uniqueness of belonging to age, gender and needs of each of the actors.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- Henceforth the documentation must recognize, work efforts, policies and other the concepts of childhood as a vital space for boys and girls that live our program, with regards to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, therefore the term childhood and youth should always be included in all documents, as well as in projects and activities taking place in the region, that these deal with children and youth with full identification of the actors of the program.

## 11/13 Relocation of the World Scout Bureau - Central Office

The Interamerican Scout Conference

- Having taken note of Circular 19/2013 of July 2013 , informing NSOs of the evaluation on the location of the headquarters of the World Scout Bureau.
- Having taken note of Circular 20/2013 of August 2013 , informing NSOs of the intention of the Secretary General of WOSM to relocate the headquarters of the World Scout Bureau.
- Having taken note of Circular 21/2013 of August 2013 , which accompanies the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC ) , which informs the decision of the Secretary General of WOSM to relocate the headquarters of the World Scout Bureau.
- Recalling Resolution 17/2008 of the World Scout Conference, in particular the request for performing a full feasibility study for a potential new location for the World Scout Bureau in full transparency , allowing the interested NSOs to have the opportunity to submit suggestions and comments.
- Noting the precedent that the World Scout Conference has previously expressed about the location of the headquarters of the World Scout Bureau, notably in Resolutions 12/1967 and 17/2008.
- Recalling in detail Resolution 4/2008 World Scout Conference , particularly its recommendation that the World Scout Committee , among others , provide to the NSOs more immediate information , effective and transparent to allow NSOs to take appropriate decisions and positions, and that steps be taken to preserve Scouting from external or non democratic influences.
- Expressing concern at the findings set out in points 3.1.7 and 3.1.8 of the report " WSB -CO Relocation " concerning INGO Presence and Additional Criteria - proximity to members respectively.
- Whereas given the strategic importance of this report, this must have been circulated in the official languages of WOSM to promote information and feedback from National Scout Organizations.
- Recognizing that within the data catalog no reference indexes related to democracy , neutrality and transparency.

- Carefully noting resolution 10 and 11 of the XXI European Scout Conference.
- Convinced that the World Organization of the Scout Movement should be governed democratically by its members, the National Scout Organizations , guided by Article XIV 1f . Article XXI and 1c . of the WOSM Constitution.
- Recognizing the importance of locating the World Scout Bureau in a place that promotes effectiveness and efficiency, operational and representative of WOSM.
- Considers that the requirements of Resolution 17/2008 have been ignored in relation to full transparency in this process.
- Considers that the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers ( PwC ) , has ignored Article V.1 of the WOSM Constitution , which states that members of WOSM are the NSOs and not young people and adults that make up each NSO.
- Considers that continued efforts are needed to meet the strong recommendations set out in Resolution 4/2008 of the World Scout Conference.
- Considers essential that the World Scout Conference has the opportunity to take a position on issues that are of strategic importance to Scouting.
- Considers that the decision to be taken by the World Scout Committee in reference to the relocation must be ratified by the World Scout Conference.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- To request the Inter-American Scout Committee to circulate between NSOs in the region the Spanish version of the report to the Secretary General of WOSM on the World Scout Bureau-Central Office relocation in a period not exceeding two months after the approval of this resolution.
- To request the Interamerican Scout Committee to carefully analyze the operational and representative implications for the Interamerican Scout Region representing the World Scout Bureau-Central Office relocation to wherever the selected location.
- Explore in conjunction with the World Scout Committee international cooperation opportunities for WOSM that can result from a closer link with foundations and multilateral bodies established in a city of America where decisions strategic global in matters of international financing and assess the feasibility of establishing a permanent representation of WOSM in that city to complement the work done by the European Scout Committee in external relations , fundraising and communication
- Invite the World Scout Committee to include the criteria : democracy , neutrality and transparency in the proposed locations of the World Scout Bureau-Central Office.
- In line with Article XIV.1.f of the Constitution of WOSM, requested that the item "Transparency and Decision Making Worldwide in WOSM " be included in the agenda of the 40th World Scout Conference , to be held in 2014 in Slovenia.

## 12/13 Documents in Spanish Language

Considering

- That there is a large number of Spanish-speaking National Scout Organizations in the Interamerican Region,

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- Recommend to the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Region to arbitrate the means for editing publications, documents and circulars issued by the World Scout Bureau - Central Office and other relevant documents of other regional offices in the Spanish language.

## 13/13 Environment, Peace and Development

### Considering

- The interest of the Interamerican Region in the matter of sustainable development reflected in the resolutions of the last two conferences, and the results of the Interamerican Network on Environment , Development and Peace on the subject.
- That the Interamerican Scout Office is located in the City of Knowledge , which also houses the offices of various agencies and organizations.

### The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- To urge the Inter-American Scout Organization to adopt the Sustainable Development Plan, taking into account the importance of being consistent with the policies and resolutions established in this area , seeking to neutralize the environmental impact of events and activities and actively promoting the defense of human rights and the fight against discrimination in our region.
- To request the Regional Office to provide the necessary tools for the Interamerican Network on Environment, Development and Peace to develop, communicate and connect with other experiences within the scope of Scouting
- It urges the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Region to consolidate partnerships with agencies and organizations international cooperation specialized on issues of Peace, Development and Environment, seeking opportunities to promote local and regional development.
- It urges National Scout Organizations in conjunction with the Interamerican Network on Environment, Development and Peace to implement the Sustainable Development Plan with its three programs of Environment, Peace and Development and contemplating its four transverse axes of action: 1.Sensibilización and Education, 2.Training, 3.Participación, 4.Management. Procuring to appoint an official to be linked to the Web

## 14/13 External Relations of The World Organization of The Scout Movement at The Global And Regional Level

The Interamerican Scout Conference:

- Concerned by the existence of resolutions adopted by the 39th World Scout Conference that have not produced concrete results at the global or regional level, specifically:
  - 10/11 Advocacy for world scouting,
  - 15/11 Partnerships between WOSM and community groups, the United Nations and NGO's,
  - 16/11 Youth, peace and security in external relations,
  - 17/11 Emergency Response;
- Recognizing the non-existence of a global or regional strategy for external relations,
- Considering fundamental that the World Organization of the Scout Movement counts with an international cooperation perspective that makes it visible globally and regionally as a key actor in child and youth development,
- Identifying the importance of counting with various sources of financial and technical cooperation to strengthen long-term initiatives to be implemented in the Interamerican Region as Global Support, Scouts of the World and Messengers of Peace,
- Concerned by the poor involvement and participation of our organization in the discussions to define global and regional youth policy, as well as in the efforts of the international community to define the global priorities for development for the period post-2015.

The Interamerican Scout Conference agreed:

- To request the Interamerican Scout Committee,
  - to follow-up on the implementation in the Interamerican Region of resolutions 10/11, 15/11, 16/11, 17/11 of the 25th World Scout Conference,
  - share with the National Scout Organizations of the Interamerican Scout Region the external relations strategy of the regional office in a period of no more than six months after the approval of the current resolution, such strategy should include:
    - ✓ Background on External Relations in the Interamerican Scout Region,
    - ✓ Internal and external analysis of external relations in the Interamerican Scout Region,
    - ✓ Expected Results (Impact, Outcomes, Outputs)
    - ✓ Implementation plan (Activities, Inputs)
    - ✓ Implementation strategy (Team, Training, Support, Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting)
    - ✓ Cost-benefit analysis of the implementation of the strategy
- analyze together with the World Bureau the feasibility of having a permanent representation of WOSM in the city of New York to further the efforts in external relations, resource mobilization and communications done by the world bureau and the regional offices,
- to ensure the alignment of the Global Support initiative with the general principles on aid effectiveness, capacity building and international cooperation for development from the OECD (Paris Declaration and Accra Agenda), as well as from the United Nations (UNDG, Global Compact),
- to position WOSM-Interamerican Region as an active and strategic actor in youth and child policy development in America,
- to establish general positions about environment, peace, social development and human rights at a regional and sub-regional level that provide adequate orientation to delegates of WOSM to international forums in America.

## 1/16: "Safe from Harm" in Adult Training

### **The Conference, considering:**

- That the 36th World Scout Conference, which was held in Thessaloniki, Greece in 2002, adopted Resolution 7/02, which since then establishes the key statement of WOSM's Policy of Child Protection;
- That the 39th World Scout Conference, which took place in Curitiba, Brazil, in 2011, approved the World Adults in Scouting Policy, which emphasizes that the National

Scout Organizations develop procedures for the recruitment and selection of adults. Likewise, it establishes the responsibility of each NSO to offer the best and most appropriate conditions for adults, in a way that they be able to perform their role as educators, whether they are volunteers or paid employees;

### **Agrees to:**

- Call on all NSOs to include the topic of "Safe from Harm" in the training and development of its adult members;
- Request that the Interamerican Support Center of the World Scout Office support and assist NSOs in completing this task.

## 2/16: Network Policies

### **The Conference, considering:**

- That the Interamerican Region has organized Networks since the 1990s, and that this has enabled people with specific expertise from the NSOs to have the opportunity to learn and to exchange knowledge and experiences;
- The positive impact that this opportunity for the sharing of knowledge and expertise has had on the Networks in the Interamerican Region as well as the contribution that it has had on the development of the NSOs;

### **Agrees to:**

- Recommend to the Interamerican Scout Committee, through the World Scout Office - Interamerica Support Centre, to produce a policy that will establish a framework for strengthening Regional Networks.

## 3/16: Fees for Regional and Sub-Regional Events

### **The Conference, considering:**

- That when organizing international events, it is common to request payments up front through banking transfers;
- That these transfers generally incur financial and/or legal costs associated with the receiving country, which affect the net amount received by the organizing NSO;
- That making additional charges to those established in the fees for the participation in events brings about complications both for the beneficiaries and for the participating NSOs;

### **Agrees:**

- To encourage that the final published fee for any regional or subregional event include all financial and/or legal costs of the country of the NSO in charge of the event.

## 4/16: Interamerican Policy on Diversity and Inclusion

### **The Conference, considering:**

- That “Diversity and Inclusion” is one of the six Strategic Priorities included in the Strategies for the Scout Movement, approved in the 40th World Scout Conference, and that this priority establishes that the Scout Movement must reflect the societies where it exists and is actively working to welcome all people without distinction. This diversity must not only be reflected in the amount of members, but also in the methods and programs used in the Movement;
- That from the 18th to the 20th of September, 2015, the Interamerican Symposium on Diversity and Inclusion took place, and in it, the fundamental concepts for the topics of diversity and inclusion were established for the Interamerican Region;

### **Agrees on:**

- Adopting the Interamerican Policy on Diversity and Inclusion;
- Requesting that the Interamerican Scout Committee take the necessary measures to guarantee the implementation of the directions established in the
- Interamerican Diversity and Inclusion Policy;
- Inviting the National Scout Organizations to implement the directions of the Interamerican Diversity and Inclusion Policy;
- Urging the National Scout Organizations to develop and implement their own National Policies on Diversity and Inclusion, consistent with the Interamerican Policy.

## 5/16: Analysis of the Regional Annual Fees

### **The Conference, considering:**

- That the Regional Constitution establishes the responsibility of the NSOs of the Region for contributing economically to provide the means for the development of the activities and for the compliance with the agreements of the Interamerican Scout Conference;
- The importance of the governance principles, the benefits of transparency, and the need for an equitable organization;

### **Agrees:**

- Request from the Interamerican Scout Committee, through whichever means the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre may consider appropriate, the analysis of the calculations of the Regional Annual Fees, as well as the publishing of the results.

## 6/16: Preparation for Interamerican Youth Forum Participants

### **The Conference, considering:**

- The importance of the Interamerican Youth Forum as a vocal platform for youth within the Region;
- That Youth Forum procedures and rules can be new to participants;
- The desire for Youth Forum participants to be able to fully participate and engage in forum activities and discussions;
- The value of time during the Youth Forum;

### **Agrees:**

- To recommend that Interamerican Regional Scout Committee work with and support the planning committee of the Regional Youth Forums to provide an online training platform that prepares the participants to fully understand and engage in the procedures;
- To request that this training platform be made available for participants to utilize before the Youth Forum;
- To encourage the drafting of recommendations before arriving at the Youth Forum.

## 7/16: Engaging Youth in the Organizing of Regional Events

### **The Conference, considering:**

- That youth members are of utmost priority in the Scouting movement's mission and values;
- That a valuable part of improving and growing is becoming immersed in opportunities that allow us to take risks and try new things;
- The belief that an adult counterpart can serve as a role model and mentor, both inside and outside of Scouting, especially in such a crucial developmental time of young people's lives;
- That a youth/adult partnership will help to promote diversity, creativity, youth development, and better Scouting region-wide;

### **Agrees:**

- To recommend that each regional event have qualified youth to support in the event's planning and execution stages;
- To promote that National Scout Organizations move towards a youth and adult counterpart working relationship for events, conferences, and committees at all levels of Scouting;
- To recommend to the Interamerican Scout Committee that in order for National Scout Organizations to host regional events, they should submit a plan during the bidding process on how they will engage youth in the planning and execution stages.

## 8/16: Translation of Documentation in Spanish

### **The Conference, considering:**

- That NSOs acknowledge the work of the Interamerica Support Centre in translating documents, at the regional level, that supports the work of NSOs;

### **Agrees to:**

- Request that the Interamerican Scout Committee examine the possibility of establishing a strategy that enables World level documentation to be delivered as soon as possible in the languages of the Region.

## 1/2018 Commitments of the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "Common Vision, Individual Commitment"

### **The Conference, considering:**

- Appreciating the contributions made by the 85 participants from 24 NSOs of the Interamerican Region during the IX Interamerican Scout Summit, held in Cusco, Peru, in November 2017, which began the process of creation of the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "Common Vision, Individual Commitment". As well as the commitments assumed by the NSOs present on that occasion after obtaining the statements of the objectives in its first version.
- Recognizing the work developed by the regional organs, following the IX Interamerican Scout Summit, to comply with the necessary steps to obtain the final version of the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "Common Vision, Individual Commitment". Adding their own commitments with the new Regional Plan.
- Considering that Article 11 of the Regional Constitution sets forth the functions of the Interamerican Scout Committee, including the approval of the Regional Plan.
- Considering that Article 40 of the Regional Constitution sets forth the obligations of the NSOs of the Region, including reporting their contribution to compliance with the Regional Plan.
- Identifying the importance for this Regional Plan 2018-2021 "Common Vision, Individual Commitment" of assuming the commitments that each level has established for this Regional Plan in order to achieve that the Interamerican Scout Region contributes significantly to the Vision 2023 of the World Organization of the Scout Movement,

### **Agrees to:**

- urges the Member Organizations, the Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Support Centre to responsibly assume the commitments established in the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "Common Vision, Individual Commitment".
- invites Member Organizations to disseminate the contents of Regional Plan 2018- 2021 "Common Vision, Individual Commitment" within their own organizations to achieve the commitment of their adult leaders.
- Requests the Interamerican Scout Committee,
  - to monitor and constantly evaluate the execution of the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "Common Vision, Individual Commitment";
  - to share regular progress reports with Member Organizations;
  - to develop the Regional Plan 2022-2025 using a similar approach, incorporating lessons learned during this process;
- Requests the World Scout Bureau – Interamerica Support Centre,
  - to carry out the necessary actions so that the key performance indicators (KPI) established in the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "Common Vision, Individual Commitment" reach an optimal level of compliance during the triennium;
  - to make these measurements regularly available to the Interamerican Scout Committee, enabling it to guide the implementation of the Regional Plan across the Interamerican Region.

## 2/2018 Interamerican Regional Networks Policy

### **The Conference, considering:**

- Considering that the 26th Interamerican Scout Conference in the resolution 02/16, recommended the elaboration of a policy that offers an institutional strong reference framework for the strengthening of the Interamerican Scout Region Networks.
- Considering that the Interamerican Scout Committee considers it important to generate the Interamerican Regional Networks Policy with the purpose to institutionalize the work of the Regional Networks, which attends topics of technical nature linked directly with the strategic areas of: Youth Program, Adults in Scouting and Institutional Development; and with cross topics of the tasks of the organization as Youth Engagement and Communications, among others. And recognize and appraise the work in networks as a learning process and collective construction of knowledge between the NSOs.

### **Agrees to:**

- Approves the Interamerican Regional Networks Policy.
- Requests the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the necessary measures to promote the implementation of the dispositions of the Interamerican Regional Networks Policy through the WSB-IASC.
- Invites NSOs of the Region to implement the dispositions of the Interamerican Regional Networks Policy and to participate actively in them through the representatives that they have to designate.

## 3/2018 Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in the Interamerican Region

### **The Conference, considering:**

- Considering that the Resolution 8/17 of the 41st World Scout Conference recommended the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at all levels of the Organization and build alliances to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in all priorities and strategic decisions.
- Considering that, the 26th Interamerican Scout Conference approved the Regional Policy on Diversity and Inclusion, of which, gender equity and the empowerment of women is an important part of its processes and is one of the emphases of Goal 6 of the Regional Plan.
- Recognizing the importance of the role of women in the leadership and decision- making spaces of WOSM and the need to promote their participation in them in an equitable manner.

### **Agrees to:**

- Requests the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the necessary measures to generate strategies that strengthen gender equity and the empowerment of women in the different levels of the Interamerican Scout Region.
- Requests the Interamerican Scout Committee to conduct a study on the participation of women in leadership and decision-making positions at the different levels of the Interamerican Scout Region.
- Invites NSOs to commit themselves to the implementation of the HeforShe program, through the use, translation and distribution of the generated educational material and to establish projects that reinforce gender equity and the empowerment of women at their national, intermediate and local levels.

## 4/2018 Support to the Regional Communications Strategy

### **The Conference, considering:**

- Recognizing Communications Area as support for development of Scouting in the Interamerican Region.
- Been aware of the benefits of the common actions proposed by the 2018-2021 Regional Plan and therefore, of the actions proposed by the 2018-2021 Communications Strategy where joint actions are prioritized by NSOs from the Interamerican Region together.
- Recognizing the value of NSOs as main actors in the execution of the Communications Strategy defined by the 2018-2021 Regional Plan.

### **Agrees to:**

- Invites NSOs from Interamerican Region to implement the proposed actions by the Regional Plan in the Communications Area and consequently by the 2018-2021 Communications Strategy [Those actions may include implementation of regional campaigns, actively participate in the Communications Network, appointment of responsible for the Communications Area at their NSOs, proper use of the Scout Brand].

## 5/2018 Operating expenses of the Interamerican Scout Committee

### **The Conference, considering:**

- In light of the Circular No. 7 (2018) and No. 7 (2016) to call for nominations of candidates for the Interamerican Scout Committee in which, among other things, it is reported that the persons who are chosen must bear the transportation expenses for attending meetings.
- Recognizing that sometimes valuable people, with talent and willingness to make a positive contribution to the Interamerican Scout Committee decide not to run for lack of financial resources (their own or their Member Organizations) to meet the travel expenses necessary to fulfill the functions of the members of the Interamerican Scout Committee.
- Concerned by insufficient talent retention capacity that as a consequence of the above, may be suffering the Interamerican Region.
- Wishing to bet once again for equal opportunities, also in the governance structures of our Region.
- Acknowledging that lack of economic resources prevents equal opportunities and may be having a negative impact on the composition of the Interamerican Scout Committee in terms of age diversity, gender diversity, geographic diversity and socio-economic diversity.
- Reaffirming that volunteering is one of the pillars that sustain the Scout Movement and recalling that the United Nations Document on Volunteering supports the idea that organizations must reimburse their volunteers for the expenses incurred in fulfilling their mission.
- Recalling that youth participation is a strategic priority for the World Organisation of the Scout Movement as part of Vision 2023 (in addition to the resolutions of the World Scout Conference 2002-06, 2008-14, 2011-08 on "Youth participation in decision making" and 2014-09 on "World Policy of Youth Participation" and the World Triennial Plan 2017- 2020 "Common Vision, Individual Commitment").
- Recalling that Diversity and Inclusion is also a strategic priority for the World Organisation of the Scout Movement as part of Vision 2023 and that Scout Movement is open to all as stated in Article 1 of the World Constitution, without distinction of any type, and also aware that this should be possible at any level of the organization.
- Affirming that policies and principles are demonstrated by allocating the necessary resources and that the priorities of any organization are clearly reflected in their budgets even when resources are limited.

### **Agrees to:**

- To the Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre, to modify the spending policy and make the necessary adjustments to the regional budget to include the resources that are necessary for the Interamerican Scout Committee to meet and function properly and hereinafter provisioned item in the annual budget of the Region to cover travel expenses, accommodation and meals for all members of the Interamerican Scout Committee and its Youth Advisors on trips that have to perform within their assigned functions.
- To the Member Organizations that promote candidates for the Interamerican Scout Committee to allow equal opportunity to candidates and make the selection based on individual candidates' qualifications and experience and motivation without disregarding any potential candidate for economic reasons.

## 6/2018 Strengthening the organizing teams of large regional events for young people

### **The Conference, considering:**

- That the large regional events for young people are spaces where a large number of people are housed in order to achieve a higher level of fulfilment of the Educational Objectives of the Youth Programme.
- That Article 37 of the Regional Constitution, literal e, which establishes that every Member Organization has the right to host a regional event or activity.
- That the organization and hosting of a large regional event for young people entails hard work on the part of the Member Organization that has taken on the task and that as a result of this, it must also assume a large number of institutional risks.
- As a result of the institutional risks implicit in the organization of a large regional event for young people, the Member Organization responsible for its organization and implementation must take care of these risks in the best possible way, and therefore form a management team with the necessary experience and competencies.
- That participation in large regional events for young people implies a significant economic investment for their assistants, who should see the highest return and satisfaction possible.

### **Agrees to:**

- Urge the National Scout Organizations hosting a regional event, to form competent, multidisciplinary and intergenerational organizing teams to ensure the development of high-quality events, avoiding economic deficit, promoting the participation of the majority of NSO and an attractive-educational opportunity for young participants.

## 7/2018 Strengthening of Duties to God and Spiritual Development in the Youth Program through the implementation of interreligious dialogue as an educational strategy

### **The Conference, considering:**

- Reaffirming the need to have a quality youth program that contributes to develop all areas of young people's growth, including their spirituality.
- Considering that Scout Movement accommodates all individuals without any distinction, including those of the faith or religion to which they belong (creed).
- Convinced that Scout Movement must be more diverse and inclusive every day, open to all those people, adults and especially young people, who wish to join it through free and voluntary adherence to its principles.

### **Agrees to:**

- To the Member Organizations of the Interamerican Region, to implement the "Interreligious Dialogue" as an educational strategy to improve the Youth Programme specifically in relation to Duties to God and Spiritual Development.
- To the regional bodies, the Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau- Interamerica Support Centre, to consider all appropriate means to provide support, programs and training to the Youth Program teams of the Member Organizations for the strengthening of Duties to God and Spiritual Development in their national programs.

## 8/2018 Implementation of online training processes for participants to the Regional Conferences with the aim of increasing the quality of their results

### **The Conference, considering:**

- Recognizing that among the purposes of regional organizations is to improve and strengthen governance processes throughout the Region and that one of the specific purposes of the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre is to provide assistance to Member Organizations and contribute to the development of capacities of the leaders within the Region.
- Fully believing in the importance and potential of the Vision 2023 objectives of innovation of the Scout Movement and its governance.
- Aware of the importance of the training processes prior to the Regional Conference and that they are essential for the best performance of the participants, therefore, the overall result of the Regional Conferences.
- Aware of the need and importance of having more and more access to the information and resources provided in the trainings prior to the Regional Conferences.
- Aware of the vital importance of increasing the participation of young people in the activities and decision-making processes of the Interamerican Region.

### **Agrees to:**

- To the Interamerican Scout Committee that, through the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre, implement an online training of the participants in the Regional Conferences and that they do so with due anticipation at the beginning of each of the Regional Conferences.
- That the on-line training of the participants in the Regional Conferences that is designed be kept constantly available and updated so that it is always adequate to the different processes of the Regional Conferences.
- That the online training of the participants in the Regional Conferences that are designed contemplate in their content the processes and decision-making procedures of the Regional Conferences, as well as a description of the processes of drafting and approval of the resolutions and amendments.
- That the online training of the participants in the Regional Conferences that is designed, include the necessary links to all the related resources that are available.
- That the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre verify that this online training is taken by all the participants in the Regional Conferences.

## 9/2018 Strategic Alliances

### **The Conference, considering:**

- Bearing in mind that the World Scout Conference resolution 2017-08 on the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" invites National Scout Organizations to play an active role in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and in showcasing Scouting's contribution through the existing national structures in charge of the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda;
- Taking into account that inter-institutional alliances are an area of management in which National Scout Organizations must act from the institutional point of view to achieve compliance with our Regional Institutional Development Policy;
- Reaffirming the collaboration between World Scouting and the United Nations, and the status of the World Organization of the Scout Movement as an accredited observer organization to the United Nations;
- Recognizing the difficulty that National Scout Organizations have in developing social strategies that have a broad impact on their communities.

### **Agrees to:**

- Encourage National Scout Organizations to approach other organizations with an educational character and working on sustainable development issues, with the objective of establishing joint actions and supporting local and national projects on peace and security;
- Invites the Interamerican Scout Committee, in conjunction with the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Support Centre, to provide support to National Scout Organizations in linking with other institutions by establishing methods to document these processes in an adequate manner.

## 10/2018: Promotion of the Scout platform for donations

### **The Conference, considering:**

Considering that the Inter-American Scout Committee, according to Article 29 of the regional constitution, is responsible for the financial development policy aimed at raising extraordinary funds from the region,

-Considering that the educational program for the major branches has as a transversal axis the implementation of projects that have an impact on the community,

-Considering the difficulty faced by young people in obtaining financing for their projects,

### **Agrees to:**

- Encourage National Scout Organizations to promote and make use of the World Organization of the Scout Movement's fundraising platform "Scout Donation Platform" to support projects within their country.

## 11/2018: Promote youth leadership courses

### **The Conference, considering:**

- Recognizing that Capacity Building (Leadership Course) is the process of empowering young people, providing them with tools and encouraging them to take on more active roles in their National Scout Organization (NSO) or at the regional level,
- Considering the objectives of capacity building, especially the development of skills and abilities, the exchange of experiences, the strengthening of the Movement's image and the renewal of the concept of leadership,
- Recognizing that "ILT in a Box" has been developed for the Inter-American Region, based on the "ILT Program",

### **Agrees to:**

- Encourage National Scout Organizations to implement capacity building programs such as the Interamerican Leadership Training as a specific tool of the educational program, recognizing the importance of training for the development of the educational objectives of our proposal for youth;
- Encourages the Interamerican Scout Committee to generate funding strategies in conjunction with National Scout Organizations for the implementation of capacity building platforms.

## 12/2018: To increase youth participation in the Interamerican Scout Committee

### **The Conference, considering:**

- Believing that Scouting should provide young people with the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge necessary for them to take an active part in the movement and their communities. Involvement, recognition, and intergenerational exchange are fundamental to providing a framework for the participation of the Region's youth,
- Noting that the World Organization of the Scout Movement's three-year plan identifies that NSOs should "Ensure greater participation of youth in NSO decision- making bodies at all levels" and that 30 NSOs will have one youth under the age of 30 as a voting member on their National Council,
- That "Diversity and Inclusion" is one of WOSM's six strategic priorities,
- Recognizing that the World Scout Committee has established a working group to ensure greater youth participation in the World Scout Conference by 2023, and that one youth serves as a member of the WOSM Executive Committee,
- The report of the Youth Forum and Regional Conference on the essential role of youth participation, the need for further consultation and reflection, the proposed amendment to the constitution included in Conference Document 10B was withdrawn.

### **Agrees to:**

- The Interamerican Scout Committee to extend the working group on youth participation and engagement to examine further progression of youth participation at the regional level.
- To the Interamerican Scout Committee to consider how young people can participate more and more in the Regional Committee, specifically in the Executive Committee.
- To the working group to present its proposal to the 28th Interamerican Scout Conference.
- The Interamerican Scout Committee to consider the composition of the working group, considering intergenerational representation, diversity and gender balance.
- To the Interamerican Scout Committee and the established working group encourage NSOs to consider nominating young people as candidates to the Interamerican Scout Committee.

## 1/2022 - Economic Accessibility to Interamerican Events

### **The Conference:**

- Recognizing the objectives of the Diversity and Inclusion Policy of the Interamerican Scout Region as an essential element to welcome all people without distinction in the Scout Movement,
- Considering the Strategic Priorities of the World Triennial Plan that establish essential points for the development of the Scout Movement,
- Reaffirming the Interamerican Scout Conference Resolution 9/2018 referring to strategic alliances,
- Recognizing the situation of economic recession that the entire world and the countries of the Region are going through due to the Covid-19 pandemic,
- Considering the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, mainly Goal 17 referring to Partnerships to achieve the Goals.

### **Agrees to:**

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee, together with the Member Organizations hosting regional events, to evaluate alternative locations for holding each event, considering those that involve institutional agreements with educational centers, community centers or public/private entities,
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to maintain the offer of hybrid regional events within the possibilities inherent to the event, as well as lower participation fees for virtual participation, in relation to face-to-face participation,
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to try to establish more accessible fees for observers to the Interamerican Scout Conference, especially in the case of people under 26 years of age.

## 2/2022 - The Importance of Mental and Emotional Health in the Interamerican Scout Region

### **The Conference:**

- Considering that mental and emotional health is a fundamental axis in the development of people, including and especially children and adolescents,
- Considering that the Covid-19 pandemic experienced in the past three years made the importance of working for people's mental and emotional health even more evident,
- Considering that according to data from the World Health Organization, the suicide rate of children and adolescents and young adults up to 24 years of age increased significantly as a result of the pandemic,
- Considering that the "Safe from Harm" Policy of the World Organization of the Scout Movement has among its priorities the care of the mental health of young people and also of the adult volunteers responsible for implementing Youth Programme,
- Considering the positive impact generated by the work carried out in times of pandemic by a team of volunteers and professionals in the regional initiative "*ApapachIAR*" which consisted of the development of workshops, talks and seminars given virtually, with the aim of promoting the mental health care and attention; all of which additionally evidenced the importance of training our adult volunteers on this topic,
- Considering that health care must be approached in a comprehensive manner and this includes mental and emotional health,
- Considering that the study of emotions has made significant progress in recent decades and understanding the impact of this topic on the development of soft and concrete skills and abilities in individuals.

### **Agrees to:**

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to promote by all possible means the attention and care of mental and emotional health within the Scout Movement in the Region,
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to make every possible effort to guarantee that, in all regional events for young people, mechanisms for access to psychological care for the participants are implemented by a suitable health team prepared for this purpose,
- Request the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Support Centre to carry out a study among all the Member Organizations of the Region to monitor the progress of the implementation mechanisms and strategies for mental and emotional health care within the Youth Programme and in the formation processes of Adults in the Scouting,
- Request the World Scout Bureau – Inter-America Support Centre to generate training related to mental and emotional health care, aimed at adults throughout the Region, as well as the preparation of a document with guidelines that help the Member Organizations of the Region in the formation and operation of specialized teams dedicated to the promotion and care of the mental and emotional health of its membership,
- Strongly urge the Member Organizations of the Region to create and train permanent mental and emotional health care teams, which also provide their services in all their events.

## 3/2022 - Regional Educational Proposal

### **The Conference:**

- Considering that the 42nd World Scout Conference in its Resolution 2021-03 approved the proposed objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024, which include, among others:
  - 2.1 *Support NSOs to take an integrated approach when implementing the Youth Programme, the life cycle of Adults in Scouting and other areas of educational methods, emphasizing their importance for sustainable growth.*
  - 2.3 *Support NSOs to be innovative in the design and implementation of their Youth Programme to ensure Scouting's relevance and ability to respond to the key needs of today's youth, while developing competencies for the future.*
- Considering that the current Regional Educational Proposal was prepared 27 years ago, so it is no longer in force and does not respond to the interests and needs of young people or the communities in which it is developed,
- Considering the great importance of the Interamerican Scout Region having an updated Educational Proposal that allows guiding the regional strategy and serving as a reference to the Member Organizations of the Region.

### **Agrees to:**

- Approve the [\*Educational Proposal of the Interamerican Scout Region "Scout Movement: Education that Transforms Lives"\*](#),
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the necessary measures to promote the implementation of the *Educational Proposal of the Interamerican Scout Region "Scout Movement: Education that Transforms Lives"* through the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre,
- Urge the Member Organizations of the Region to develop or update their National Educational Proposals taking as a reference the *Educational Proposal of the Interamerican Scout Region "Scout Movement: Education that Transforms Lives"*.

## 4/2022 - Commitments with the Regional Plan 2022-2025

### **The Conference:**

- Considering that the Regional Plan maintains alignment with the World Triennial Plan and is adapted to the needs of the Interamerican Region,
- Considering that the resolutions of the World Scout Conference are binding for all Member Organizations of the World Organization of the Scout Movement,
- Considering that the Regional Plan was built from a diagnosis in which members of a large majority of the Member Organizations of the Region participated, identifying the most relevant needs,
- Acknowledging and thanking the representatives of the Member Organizations of the Region in the Interamerican Networks that contributed to the elaboration of the objectives of the Regional Plan 2022-2025,
- Acknowledging and thanking the representatives of the Member Organizations of the Region who, at the Interamerican Scout Summit held in October 2021, established a baseline for the indicators and the commitments of the Member Organizations of the Region for the Regional Plan 2022 -2025,
- Considering that it is the responsibility of the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre to operationalize the Regional Plan, of the Interamerican Scout Committee its follow-up and of the Member Organizations of the Region the taking and reporting of their actions in relation to it,
- Considering that Article 12 of the Regional Constitution establishes the functions of the Interamerican Scout Committee, including the approval of the Regional Plan,
- Considering that article 39 of the Regional Constitution establishes the obligations of the Member Organizations of the Region, including reporting their contribution to the fulfillment of the Regional Plan.

### **Agrees to:**

- Urge the Member Organizations of the Interamerican Region to integrate the objectives of the Regional Plan 2022 - 2025 into their respective National Strategic Plans in order to generate greater strategic alignment between the global, regional and national levels,
- Invite each Member Organization of the Region to allocate human, material and financial resources, according to the reality of their institutions, for the development of activities that allow compliance with the indicators described in their National Plan, thus contributing to the indicators of the Regional Plan 2022 - 2025,
- Request the Member Organizations of the Region to actively participate in the activities and projects coordinated by the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre in order to support the development of the strategic axes of the Region in each of them,
- Encourage each Member Organization of the Region to motivate the active members of their organization to participate in training and regional activities that promote the personal and professional development of the participants and to apply to the calls for working groups of the Interamerican Scout Committee and of the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre, since the regional plan requires the involvement of people with different perspectives that contribute to its implementation,
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to monitor the progress of the Regional Plan 2022 - 2025 and make the necessary adjustments according to the trends and new needs of the Member Organizations of the Region and of the Region as a whole,
- Request the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre to carry out the necessary actions to achieve the greatest possible compliance with the indicators of the Regional Plan 2022 - 2025,
- Thank the Member Organizations of the Region that contributed to the execution of the Regional Plan 2018 - 2022 in compliance with Resolution 1/2018 of the 27th. Interamerican Scout Conference 2018.

## 5/2022 - Communications Management in Crisis Situations

### **The Conference:**

- Considering the crisis situations that have already arisen at the level of the Member Organizations of the Region and their impact on the Interamerican Region,
- Recognizing that the communications area plays a fundamental role in the management of this type of situation,
- Understanding the importance of having effective and agile strategies that respond to the current needs of information management and communication response,
- Understanding that crisis situations are unpredictable and being aware of the risks involved in the absence of a crisis management communications plan,
- Recognizing the advances and opportunities produced thanks to the implementation of the "Safe from Harm" Policy of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the Regional Communications Strategy, one of whose objectives is to emphasize the importance of having a communications plan in crisis situations,
- Recognizing that there is a World Organization of the Scout Movement Plan for Crisis Communications that is applicable and replicable by all the Member Organizations of the Region.

### **Agrees to:**

- Urge the Member Organizations of the Region to design and develop crisis management communications plans derived from their risk management plans in accordance with the World Organization of the Scout Movement Plan for Crisis Communications,
- Invite Member Organizations of the Region to request services from the World Organization of the Scout Movement to help them develop their communications plans in crisis management,
- Invite the Member Organizations of the Region to participate in the best practices management mechanism of the Interamerican Scout Region and to record the processes and lessons learned from the implementation of their communications plans in crisis management,
- Urge the Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre to activate the Plan of the World Organization of the Scout Movement for Crisis Communications whenever a situation arises that requires it.

## 6/2022 - Management of Adult Volunteering in International Teams of the World Organization of the Scout Movement

### **The Conference:**

- Considering that the Scout Movement is a youth organization that works with the support of adult volunteers,
- Considering that the adult volunteers who are part of the Scout Movement are largely the human resource responsible for the design, implementation, evaluation and adaptation of the plans, policies, and programs that the organization carries out and through which it materializes compliance of the Mission of the Scout Movement,
- Considering that all adult volunteers who are part of the Scout Movement are a valuable resource at the service of the institution and that it is the responsibility of the institution to make the best possible use of all available resources, including and especially the human resources represented precisely by the adult volunteers that make it up,
- Considering that a very significant group of adult volunteers who are part of the Scout Movement have excellent academic training, extensive professional experience in their respective fields of action and a long and important career within the Member Organizations of the Region exercising different roles and functions, all of which constitutes an important intangible heritage which can and should be placed at the service of the entire organization,
- Considering that the participation of adult volunteers in teams and working groups at the regional or global level is not due to political processes that imply or require the exercise of the institutional representation of any Member Organization,
- Considering that the support of adult volunteers from different countries, cultures, professions, profiles and skills is required to support with their work the provision of services through the Interamerican Region to one or more Member Organizations of the Region, or at the world level in the activities or responsibilities that are assigned to them and with which they are formally committed, all of which does not compromise in any way the Member Organizations of the Region where the volunteer is registered,
- Considering that the professional human resource represented by the staff of the World Scout Bureau in its different dependencies is limited and that every day it is necessary to dedicate more people to integrate different working groups, as well as for the provision of services to the Member Organizations of the Region, since they are the ones that have the capacity to translate into concrete and measurable actions the fulfillment of the Mission of the Scout Movement,
- Considering that the deployment of services to the Member Organizations of the Region is one of the highest priorities in whole organization, for which the contribution of adult volunteers with the appropriate professional profile and skills is required,
- Considering that it is vital for the organization to develop and keep ongoing processes of continuous improvement that allow the Scout Movement, the Member Organizations of the Region and the bodies of the regional and world level, to remain in constant development and strengthening, always oriented to generate membership growth and a greater positive impact on their communities, which in turn contributes to increasing the level of certainty of the permanence and validity of the Scout Movement over time.

### **Agrees to:**

- Require the Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau – Interamerica Support Centre to continue promoting and encouraging the incorporation of adult volunteers in the different teams that are required according to the needs of the regional or world plans, or by the strategies and programs created, or that will be created in the future,
- Emphatically urge the Member Organizations of the Region to echo each and every one of the different calls for adult volunteers that are made at the regional and world levels and to encourage the incorporation of adult volunteers registered in each one of them to add their talents to the efforts that are made in the service of the institution and especially to generate its growth and development,
- Emphatically urge that all adult volunteers who meet the profiles specified in each of the different calls, can apply and participate in them in an agile, transparent and unhindered manner,

- Emphatically urge that the Member Organizations of the Region facilitate the application of adult volunteers registered in them, taking into account that the only requirements necessary to apply are the desire of the adult volunteer, their willingness to accept and fulfill the respective commitments, comply with the profile described in the respective call, be a registered and active member in a Member Organization.

## 7/2022 - Adaptation of the Interamerican Policy on Regional Networks

### **The Conference:**

- Considering that in 2020 the Interamerican Scout Committee, took the agreement 18/2020:

*The Interamerican Scout Committee agreed:*

- o *Maintain the two events Interamerican Scout Youth Forum and Interamerican Scout Conference as two independent events, recognizing the value that each of them offers to the Region.*
  - o *That the Interamerican Scout Youth Forum be held a few months before the Interamerican Scout Conference, to have enough time to analyze the Forum's recommendations and transform them into draft resolutions to be presented by the ISC to the Conference.*
  - o *That the WSB-IASC analyze and propose new formats to hold the Inter-American Youth Forum, to maintain its attractiveness and enhance its educational value.*
- Considering that by virtue of the agreement 18/2020 of the Interamerican Scout Committee, a new format was presented for the Interamerican Scout Youth Forum, which included a series of preparatory sessions in which the young participants chose the topics to be discussed during the 7th Interamerican Scout Youth Forum,
  - Whereas the 7th. Interamerican Scout Youth Forum was held with a new format in 2022 and had a significant participation of young people from most of the Member Organizations of the Region of the Region,
  - Considering that the Coordinators of the Interamerican Youth Network, elected during the 6th Interamerican Scout Youth Forum, will conclude its functions in the year 2022,
  - Considering that the Interamerican Youth Network requires two new Coordinators to assume their duties as soon as possible.

### **Agrees to:**

- Approves modifying the text of the Interamerican Network Policy where it says:

*"The Coordinating Core of the Network is made up of two Coordinators, who were elected during the Regional Youth Forum, an executive from the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Support Centre and a member of the Interamerican Scout Committee."*

For the text:

*"The Coordinating Core of the Network is made up of two Coordinators elected at the first meeting of the network that takes place after each Regional Conference, an executive of the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Support Centre and a member of the Interamerican Scout Committee."*

## 8/2022 - Strengthening of the International Teams to Facilitate the Monitoring of the Advances of the Regional and Global Strategic Plans

### **The Conference:**

- Recognizing that the Member Organizations of the Region need to have consolidated international teams and effective information management systems to comply with the duties established in the Regional Constitution Article 39 letter d : *"Report the actions that contribute to the implementation of the Regional Plan"*,
- Recognizing that the Member Organizations of the Region need to have consolidated international teams and effective information management systems to comply with the duties established in the World Constitution Article VII number 3 letter c: *"Submit an annual report to the World Scout Bureau that includes an evaluation of progress in accordance with the requirements of its National Scout Constitution in a form to be determined by the World Scout Committee"*,
- Considering that compliance with the Regional Plan requires both constant monitoring of indicators and the active participation of all the Member Organizations of the Region,

### **Agrees to:**

- Require the Member Organizations of the Region to strengthen their international teams; and in the case of not having them, create them,
- Require the Member Organizations of the Region to prioritize the creation of information management systems that allow effective monitoring of the progress of the compliance indicators of the Regional Plan,
- Require the Member Organizations of the Region to commit to respond in a timely manner to all requests for information required by the different units and working groups at the regional and world levels of the World Organization of the Scout Movement,
- Urge the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Support Centre to provide the Member Organizations of the Region with the necessary means and training to strengthen their international teams and to implement effective information management systems,
- Urge the Interamerican Scout Committee to carry out the necessary follow-up actions for the implementation of this Resolution through the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre.

## 9/2022 - Promotion of Female Leadership in the Member Organizations of the Interamerican Scout Region

### **The Conference:**

- Considering that Resolution 8/17 of the 41<sup>st</sup> World Scout Conference recommended the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at all levels of the Organization and building partnerships to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in all priorities and strategic decisions,
- Considering that the 26<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference approved the Regional Policy on Diversity and Inclusion, of which gender equity and the empowerment of women is an important part of its processes.
- Considering that the 27<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference approved Resolution 4/2018 requesting a diagnosis on the participation of women in leadership positions in the region and invited the Member Organizations of the Region to implement the "HeforShe" program,
- Considering the important and high-impact contributions that women have made in the Member Organizations of the Region and recognizing the effort that some Member Organizations of the Region have made in recent years to ensure the participation of women at different levels leadership and decision making.

### **Agrees to:**

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the measures it deems necessary to promote more women occupying leadership and decision-making positions at all levels of the Interamerican Scout Region,
- Invite the Member Organizations of the Region to generate and implement strategies that strengthen gender equity and the empowerment of women within their structures,
- Urge the Member Organizations of the Region to take into account the results of the study of female leadership in the Interamerican Region carried out by the Interamerican Scout Committee in the period 2018 - 2022, to take the necessary measures to improve the current situation of lack of female leadership in the Interamerican Scout Region,
- Invite the Member Organizations of the Region to actively promote the nomination, access and positioning of women in leadership and decision-making positions at all levels of the organization.

## 10/2022 - Positioning of the Interamerican Scout Region Against Discrimination

### **The Conference:**

- Acknowledging that Scouting has made progress in terms of Diversity and Inclusion,
- Recognizing that all Member Organizations of the Region must continue to improve to demonstrate that Scouting is for everyone and that it is open to everyone,
- Acknowledging that this objective is of paramount importance to continue moving towards a future in which diversity and inclusion are recognized as key factors to strengthen Scouting and at the same time to leverage its growth,
- Recognizing that the Regional Plan 2022 - 2025 considers Diversity and Inclusion as a strategic priority, focusing on strengthening these elements in the Member Organizations of the Region to work together as a Region against any type of discrimination,
- Thanking all the young participants in the 7<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Scout Youth Forum for the statement they produced,
- Considering that Resolution 19/1977 of the 20<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference reaffirmed its support for the United Nations Charter of Human Rights,
- Whereas the 26<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference approved the Regional Policy on Diversity and Inclusion, which establishes the importance of attracting people in special situations of vulnerability to Scouting and the positive impact of Scouting on people from minority groups,
- Understanding the need to have a clear position regarding Diversity and Inclusion issues in order to maintain a firm position and not be neutral in the face of injustice.

### **Agrees to:**

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to generate a non-discrimination position document for the Interamerican Scout Region,
- Request the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Support Centre to share and support initiatives that support the position of non-discrimination of the Region and the Member Organizations that comprise it,
- Invite the Member Organizations of the Region to generate strategies to motivate and encourage people who are part of underrepresented groups to apply for leadership positions to have a diversity of opinions in decision-making spaces; and to contribute to education in Diversity and Inclusion to achieve greater social cohesion at all levels of society.

## 11/2022 - Decade of the Ocean

### **The Conference:**

- Considering that the Ocean is being threatened as never before by pollution, climate change and predatory fishing, causing the loss and general degradation of marine ecosystems and biodiversity,
- Considering that the next few years will be crucial to guarantee a sustainable future for the Ocean and the multiple benefits it brings to the planet, and that in order to achieve that purpose we must change the way we interact with the Ocean (which includes the conservation and recovery of the main marine ecosystems, as well as the mangrove regions and coral reefs, the reduction of marine pollution levels, the sustainable management of fishing, among others),
- Considering that the Decade of the Ocean (2021 - 2030) instituted by the United Nations (UN) on December 5, 2017 (Resolution 72/73) is a global movement led by the United Nations Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO), which brings together scientists, governments, universities, companies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), to improve society's relations with the Ocean and thus contribute to the fulfillment of the UN 2030 Agenda, more specifically with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 (Life Below Water),
- Considering that the World Organization of the Scout Movement is a key partner of UN Environment through the *"Tide Turner Plastic Challenge"* program as one of the global programs of Earth Tribe,
- Considering that education (formal and non-formal) is essential to achieve this goal; hence the importance of involving the Scout Movement, which has since its inception a firm commitment to protecting the environment (Article 6 of the Scout Law), reinforced over the years by numerous resolutions of the World Scout Conference ( e.g.: Resolutions 1971-12, 1988-06, 1990-13, 1993-11, 2005-18, 2008-22 and 2021-08), which also highlighted the importance of Scouting's involvement with the SDGs (Resolution 2017-08).

### **Agrees to:**

- Strongly urge all Member Organizations in the Region, whether or not they have access to the Ocean, to play an active role in the Decade of the Ocean,
- Encourage Member Organizations of the Region to participate in partnerships with other stakeholders and sectors, to support the implementation of the Decade of the Ocean,
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre to develop the necessary tools to support the Member Organizations of the Region in this area of their work,
- Encourage the Member Organizations of the Region to annually celebrate World Ocean Day (June 8) with activities related to the conservation of the Ocean and awareness of its importance,
- Motivate the Member Organizations of the Region to incorporate educational materials of all kinds about the Ocean in their Youth Programme and to train adults in their use.

## 12/2022 - Creation of Youth Representatives of the Interamerican Region

### **The Conference:**

- Recognizing the capacity of young people to strategically represent the Scout Movement,
- Recognizing the need to demonstrate that World Organization of the Scout Movement is an organization that puts young people at the center of its educational and institutional work,
- Referring to the young/external representatives' program of other regions and of World Organization of the Scout Movement,
- Noting Youth Participation, Communications and External Relations as strategic objectives of the new Triennial Plan 2022 – 2025,
- Being aware of the progress achieved through the implementation of the Youth Involvement Strategy 2011-2020 as outlined in its reports,
- Emphasizing that the Scout Movement is Scouting is an educational movement for and of young people, supported by adults,

### **Requests the Interamerican Scout Committee:**

- The creation of a Youth Representatives Program from the Region for young people between the ages of 18 to 26 who will represent World Organization of the Scout Movement and its interests to relevant external stakeholders;
- To ensure greater diversity of representatives, as well as gender and geographical equality;
- To provide technical and financial support on the basis of the available budget and priorities defined;
- Position the Interamerican Scout Region in the discussions in accordance with positions discussed and agreed in advance with the Interamerican Scout Region or the Interamerican Scout Committee, the World Scout Bureau – Interamerica Support Centre and/or the volunteer leader of the strategic partnerships;
- Monitor the work and actions of the representatives and share them with the region's NSOs.

## 1/2025: Adoption of the Regional Triennial Plan 2025–2028

### **The Interamerican Scout Conference,**

- Noting that the Regional Triennial Plan aligns with the Strategy for Scouting while addressing the specific priorities of the Interamerican Region;
- Reaffirming that the resolutions of the World Scout Conference are governing for all Member Organizations of WOSM;
- Recognizing that the Regional Plan was developed through a comprehensive diagnostic process, with input from a majority of the Region’s Member Organizations, identifying key priorities and needs;
- Expressing appreciation to all Member Organizations, volunteers, and stakeholders who contributed to the preparation of the Regional Triennial Plan 2025–2028;
- Reaffirming the responsibilities of the World Scout Bureau – Interamerica Support Centre in supporting implementation and of the Interamerican Scout Committee in overseeing progress and providing strategic guidance;
- Recognizing the need to ensure inclusivity and representation of diverse Member Organizations and stakeholders, including those with limited capacity or specific challenges.

### **Agrees to:**

- Adopt the Interamerican Regional Triennial Plan 2025–2028 as the main strategic framework guiding the Region’s collective efforts during the 2025–2028 triennium.
- Urge all Member Organizations in the Region to integrate the Plan’s objectives and priorities that are relevant to their context into their national strategic plans, enhancing alignment across local, regional, and global levels.
- Request all Member Organizations in the Region to actively participate in the activities and projects coordinated by the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre in order to support the achievement of the Regional Triennial Plan.
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to:
  - Oversee implementation and monitor progress using the established indicators;
  - Conduct a final assessment of regional resources and adjust implementation priorities accordingly;
  - Establish an operational framework to facilitate delivery of the Plan;
  - Approve updated Key Performance Indicators consistent with the WOSM Planning Framework, adapted to the Interamerican context;
  - Ensure timely communication and reporting of progress to Member Organizations and relevant stakeholders.
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee, with the support from the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre, to:
  - Provide technical assistance, coordination, and operational support essential for effective execution of the Plan;
  - Support the capacity building of Member Organizations, particularly those facing structural or resource limitations, to enhance their ability to contribute to the Plan’s objectives;
  - Encourage Member Organizations to allocate appropriate human, financial, and material resources, according to their capacity, to initiatives that contribute to achieving the Plan’s objectives and indicators.

## 2/2025: Regional Policies

### **The Interamerican Scout Conference,**

- Considering that the World Triennial Plan 2024–2027 includes a review of global policies to ensure their relevance, coherence, and alignment with the strategic priorities of Scouting;
- Taking into account that regional policies, while aligned with global frameworks, must also reflect the specific realities and needs of the Interamerican Scout Region, thus requiring a dedicated review process to update and strengthen their relevance;
- Recognizing that many current regional policies were developed before the global policies, and that reviewing them could enhance efficiency and harmonization between regional and global levels;
- Being aware of the need to avoid duplication with global policies and to concentrate regional efforts on areas that add specific value;
- Acknowledging the importance of broad participation by Member Organizations and stakeholders in any review of regional policies to ensure inclusivity and relevance.

### **Agrees to:**

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee (ISC), with support from World Scout Bureau – Interamerica Support Centre, to conduct a comprehensive technical review of existing regional policies, taking into account current global policy review, with the aim of strategically aligning them.
- Encourage the ISC to establish a clear timeline and communication plan for the review process, including opportunities for Member Organizations to engage in consultation and provide input at various stages.
- Encourage Member Organizations in the Region to actively participate in the review process by providing suggestions and feedback based on their experience with the current policies, with a particular focus on ensuring that the revised policies are inclusive and reflective of the Region's diversity.
- Authorize the ISC to make editorial or surface-level adjustments to regional policies as required and to identify those that are duplicative, outdated or no longer relevant due to the existence of global policies.
- Request the ISC to present to the 30th Interamerican Scout Conference substantive recommendations for the modification, consolidation, or retirement of regional policies, based on the outcomes of the technical review and stakeholder consultations.

## 3/2025: Enhancing Resilience of at-risk Member Organizations

### **The Interamerican Scout Conference,**

- Considering that political instability and low institutional trust across the Americas directly impact the operational environment of the Scout Movement, limiting collaboration with strategic partners, access to public resources, and the ability to ensure safe educational spaces;
- Recognizing that persistent socioeconomic inequality remains a major barrier to the inclusion and participation of children, adolescents, and young people in the Scout Movement, especially in areas where access to education, recreation, and leadership opportunities is limited;
- Observing that economic dependence, exposure to external crises, and vulnerability to extreme climate events undermine the financial sustainability of Scout organizations and disrupt program planning and delivery;
- Acknowledging the critical role of resilient Member Organizations (MOs) in sustaining the growth and inclusivity of the Scout Movement in the Interamerican Region;
- Noting the need for targeted and timely support for MOs' experiencing significant vulnerabilities or structural challenges;
- Expressing appreciation for the commitment of MOs and volunteers who contribute to supporting vulnerable MOs and affirm the Region's shared commitment to strengthening resilience across the Scout Movement.

### **Agrees to:**

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to:
  - Regularly review the criteria for identifying Member Organizations (MOs) eligible for prioritized support, ensuring the flexibility to adapt to evolving regional conditions;
  - Prioritize support for MOs in critical situations or with the greatest needs, enabling clustering of efforts where appropriate to optimize resources and reinforce regional cooperation.
- Request the World Scout Bureau – Interamerica Support Centre to prioritize technical assistance and operational support for MOs facing critical challenges or experiencing major contextual changes, ensuring timely and needs-based responses.
- Encourage MOs to collaborate by sharing expertise and resources to offer peer support to MOs experiencing heightened vulnerability or specific needs.
- Ensure the development of adapted membership growth strategies for MOs with limited capacity or reach, particularly those below a defined market share threshold to promote sustainability, resilience, and inclusive growth.
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to report progress on these efforts to the 30th Interamerican Scout Conference, including examples of successful interventions and lessons learned.

## 4/2025: Revitalization of the Regional Networks

### **The Interamerican Scout Conference,**

- Recognizing the essential role of regional networks in sharing best practices and fostering collaboration among National Scout Organizations (NSOs);
- Recalling that the Interamerican Region was the first to establish Regional Networks;
- Acknowledging that the networks' full potential as platforms for thematic collaboration and experience-sharing has not been fully realized in the aftermath of the pandemic and organizational changes within the World Organization of the Scout Movement;
- Noting that promoting and strengthening regional networks also encourages the creation and development of national-level networks;
- Also recognizing that revitalized and inclusive networks are essential to advancing regional priorities and fostering an adaptable and resilient Scout Movement;
- Observing the importance of clear governance, defined mandates, and transparent communication channels for effective network operation;
- Expressing appreciation for the efforts of volunteers, network members, and participating NSOs who contribute their time and expertise to strengthen collaboration and innovation in the Interamerican Scout Region.

### **Agrees to:**

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee, with the support from the World Scout Bureau – Interamerica Support Centre, to:
  - Assess which networks are currently necessary in the Region;
  - Collaborate with existing networks to revise and update their Terms of Reference, including clear expectations about annual meetings, communication platforms, composition, and anticipated outcomes;
  - Enable the development of a platform for documenting ideas and facilitating collaboration on network-relevant topics;
  - Review or define clear processes for the formation, membership, and leadership of networks, ensuring broad representation and inclusion of diverse perspectives;
  - Establish mechanisms for regular reporting and feedback from networks to the Interamerican Scout Committee and Member Organizations;
- Request Member Organizations to:
  - Engage actively in the networks by appointing the appropriate people to participate in each one;
  - Promote the importance of networks internally by sharing relevant information and best practices;
  - Foster a collaborative environment in which partnerships between Member Organizations strengthen support efforts, encourage peer learning, and facilitate the exchange of best practices.
  - Contribute to the development of national-level networks that align with regional network priorities and support capacity building across the Region;

## 5/2025: Declaration for a simpler and more accessible model for Interamerican Scout Conferences

### **The Interamerican Scout Conference,**

- Recalling Article 7 of the Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Region, where one of the functions of the Regional Conference is to stimulate the growth and development of Scouting in the Region by promoting world brotherhood, cooperation and mutual assistance among the members of the Region and its bodies,
- Considering Resolution 01/2022 of the Interamerican Scout Conference, which addresses economic accessibility to Interamerican events, highlighting the need to ensure equitable participation of Member Organizations,
- Considering World Scout Conference Resolution 2024-07, which strongly urges the World Scout Committee to study alternative models for World Scout Conferences that would result in lower-cost events,
- Taking note of the good example of the XI Interamerican Scout Summit 2024 held in Medellín, Colombia, whose participation fee was accessible and included full meals and lodging, demonstrating the viability of more inclusive events,
- Recognizing the Events Strategy of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), which seeks to promote sustainability, accessibility and inclusion in the organization of scout events,
- Aware of the vast economic and geographic diversity of the Member Organizations of the Interamerican Scout Region, which face significantly different economic realities and travel costs due to their geographic location,
- Recognizing that in-person participation in the Interamerican Scout Conferences offers a more complete and immersive experience, which cannot be fully replicated by online participation, although the latter remains a valuable tool to complement inclusion,
- Determined to ensure equitable participation that takes into account economic and geographical disparities, as well as the need to modernize technological means to improve the online participation experience,

### **Declares that:**

- The Member Organizations of the Interamerican Scout Region wish to adopt a simpler and more accessible model for Interamerican Scout Conferences, promoting lower-cost events in facilities such as educational centers (public or private schools, universities) and a variety of lodging options that include various types of accommodations;
- Member Organizations support the implementation of a differentiated quota system that takes into account the distances traveled by representatives of each Member Organization to reach the Interamerican Scout Conference, the economic categorization of countries, and preferential quotas for participants under 30 years of age;
- The Member Organizations wish to maintain the option of online participation as a complement to in-person participation, urging the Interamerican Scout Committee to continually update available technological means to enable a quality online experience with reliable transmission that facilitates the right to speak and vote.
- The Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Center shall review the recommendations of this resolution, obtain additional feedback from Member Organizations, and in advance of a call for bids for the 31st Interamerican Scout Conference publish additional guidelines for equitable participation;
- Member Organizations bidding or hosting future Interamerican Scout Conferences should consider this declaration in their proposals, ensuring alignment with the principles of accessibility, sustainability, and inclusion.

## 6/2025: Implementation of Impact Measurement Tools for Scouting in the Interamerican Region

### **The Interamerican Scout Conference,**

- Recalling Article 7 of the Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Region, where one of the functions of the Conference is to stimulate the growth and development of the Scouting in the Region.
- Considering that Scouting's mission is to contribute to the education of young people through a system of values based on the Scout Promise and Law, and to help build a better world where people fully realize themselves as individuals and play a constructive role in society.
- Considering Resolution 5/2007 (Quito, 2007) of the Interamerican Scout Conference, which recommends the adoption of a system of development indicators for National Scout Organizations (NSOs) as a management tool to evaluate their performance,
- Considering Global Resolution 2014-11, on the Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT) for measuring the quality and impact of NSOs in alignment with global standards,
- Taking note of the importance of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as highlighted in World Resolution 2021-08, and the need for Scouting to demonstrate its contribution to these goals,
- Congratulating the existence of the WOSM Service for the Impact Assessment of Scouting, which provides a global framework for measuring the results of Scouting, and recognizing the importance of the document "From Intent to Impact: Introducing Impact of Scouting" (published in February 2024), which sets out guidelines for assessing the social and educational impact of Scouting,
- Applauding the best practices in social impact within and outside Scouting, especially the study "Merit Beyond the Badges" by Scouting America in collaboration with Baylor University in 2010, which demonstrated the impact of Scouting on developing leadership skills and values in young people, and Mexico's participation in the second phase of the World Scouting Impact Study (2018-2019), which highlighted the benefits of Scouting on the personal development of young people,
- Recognizing the need to hold events in the Inter-American Region focused on training NSO leaders to acquire impact assessment tools, following the example of other regions, such as Europe and Asia-Pacific, which have successfully implemented training programs in this area,
- Aware of the diversity of social, economic and cultural contexts in the Inter-American Region, which requires the adaptation of impact measurement tools to local realities,
- Convinced of the importance of generating impact studies that NSOs can use internally to attract new young people and volunteers, enhance volunteering and strengthen public perception of Scouting, in line with the new Strategy for Scouting,

### **Resolves:**

- To request the Interamerican Scout Committee (ISC), with the support of the World Scout Bureau-Interamerica Support Centre (WSB-IASC), to lead efforts to implement the WOSM Service impact measurement tools in the Interamerican Region, adapting them to the local needs and cultural differences of the NSOs, taking as reference the document "From Intent to Impact : Introducing Impact of Scouting" and global best practices.
- Urge the ISC to develop a regional impact measurement framework before the next Interamerican Scout Conference, including quantitative and qualitative indicators to assess:
  - The personal development of young people (leadership skills, scouting values, emotional well-being).
  - Community impact (service projects, contribution to the SDGs).
  - Attracting and retaining volunteers (volunteering valorization).
- Request the ISC and WSB-IASC to organize regional or subregional events focused on training NSO leaders in the use of impact assessment tools, following the model of other regions and ensuring that trainings are accessible and culturally relevant.

- Urge the ISC to coordinate the publication of regional impact studies based on data collected by NSOs, which can be used by them to:
  - Recruit new young people and volunteers.
  - Valuing volunteering among communities and external allies.
  - Strengthen communication of the impact of the Scouting in the Region.
  - Request NSOs to integrate impact measurement tools into their national strategic plans.
- Request NSOs to allocate resources for training their leaders in impact assessment and data collection, ensuring their alignment with the new Strategy for Scouting.



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