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RECORD OF DECISIONS

Extraordinary General Meeting of the European Guide Conference

12th July 2011,
Edinburgh, Scotland

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to be a record of all the decisions taken at the 2011 Extraordinary General Meeting of the European Guide Conference in Edinburgh and it serves as a procedural report of the conference. Copies of the outcomes of programme sessions can be downloaded from the Europe Region WAGGGS website at <http://www.europe.wagggsworld.org>

The 2011 Extraordinary General Meeting of the European Guide Conference was hosted by Girl Guiding UK and was held in the Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

29 Full Members attended the conference and 2 Associate Members. During all voting sessions and following roll call the voting strength was counted as following:

Associate and full members vote: 31
Simple majority: 16
Two thirds majority: 21

Full members vote: 29
Simple majority: 15
Two thirds majority: 19

Approval of Rules of Procedure

The Extraordinary General Meeting of the European Guide Conference was asked to approve the Rules of Procedure for the Conference as proposed by the Europe Committee WAGGGS and seconded by the conference. It should be noticed that the Extraordinary General Meeting of the European Guide Conference followed the Rules of Procedure of the World Conference.

Approved by Acclamation

Approval of the Procedural Team and Tellers

The Extraordinary General Meeting of the European Guide Conference was asked to approve the Procedural Team:

- Anne Guyaz (Switzerland)
- Sabine Zorn (Germany)
- Alexa Laurence (UK)

And to approve the Conference Teller:

- Monia Marcacci (Italy)

Approved by Acclamation

Approval of Conference Chairmen

The Extraordinary General Meeting of the European Guide Conference was asked to approve the Conference Chairmen as being Corinna Hauri as proposed by the Europe Committee WAGGGS and seconded by the conference.

Approved by Acclamation

When presenting the motions and amendments to be discussed and voted, the chair of the Procedural Team, Anne Guyaz, informed the European Guide Conference that one motion could not be accepted and will not be moved as motions related to membership can not be proposed once the conference has started. The association that presented the motion was informed. This decision was taken according to Rules of Procedure.

Before starting the voting procedures Denmark wanted to raise a point of order and noticed that the late issuing of EGM papers could have been inconvenient for MOs if the EGM was not at the same time as the WAGGGS World Conference. In order to ensure that MOs identify the right delegates to discuss the topics presented by the Europe Committee to the Regional Conferences, Denmark encourages the Europe Region to send papers according to procedures in the future.

Motions and Amendments Record of Voting

Reference Number: EEGM 11 01	Title: Financial Report 2008- 2010
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Proposed by: *The Europe Committee WAGGGS*

Seconded by: *IRELAND*

The Extraordinary General Meeting, taking into account that the triennium 2008-10 ended with a surplus of €115,563 and the reserves increased to €293,562

- ♣ Approves the Financial Report for 2008-2010 detailed in Document EEGM3.

Vote: *Full members, two thirds majority*

▪ For	29
▪ Against	0
▪ Abstentions	0

MOTION CARRIED

Reference Number: EEGM 11 02	Title: Changes in calculation of Voluntary Contribution
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Proposed by: *The Europe Committee WAGGGS*

Seconded by: *DENMARK*

Taking into account the increased simplicity of the calculations and the consistency with the way quota is calculated, and the fact that the new formula results in very low VC fees that are uneconomical to collect the Extraordinary General Meeting

- ♣ Approves the use of the same income bands used for calculation of WAGGGS' Quota for European Voluntary Contribution.
- ♣ Approves the use of the same percentages of standard fees used for calculation of World Quota for European Voluntary Contribution.
- ♣ Approve the use of the rate of inflation in Belgium, as shown in the Consumer Price Index, as a maximum for any future proposed inflationary increases in VC.
- ♣ Approves the introduction of a minimum European Voluntary Contribution of €100 pa for Full Members
- ♣ Approves the introduction of a minimum European Voluntary Contribution of €50 pa for Associate Members
- ♣ Approves a maximum contribution of €170,413.29 in 2012, €175,525.69 in 2013 and €180,791.46 in 2014

Vote: *Full members, two thirds majority*

▪ For	28
▪ Against	0
▪ Abstentions	1

MOTION CARRIED

Reference Number: EEGM 1103	Title: Voluntary Contribution per capita fee 2012-14
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Proposed by: *The Europe Committee WAGGGS*

Seconded by: *LIECHENSTEIN*

Taking into account the fact that the average Belgian inflation rate for the first part of 2011 was 3.38% and is likely to remain at this level, the Extraordinary General Meeting

- ♣ Approves the increase in Voluntary Contribution standard per capita fee by 3% per annum, from 0.3573 from 1st January 2011 to 0.3904 from 1st January 2014

Vote: *Full members, two thirds majority*

▪ For	24
▪ Against	0
▪ Abstentions	5

MOTION CARRIED

Reference Number: EEGM 11 06	Title: Reserves
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Proposed by: SWEDEN

Seconded by: DENMARK

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- Recognizes the importance of having access to reserves
 - Recognizes that a Fund Development strategy is not yet in place
 - Appreciates the operational plan and the budget for the 2012- 2014
 - Appreciates the level of activities presented in the operational plan
 - Being conscious that MO are prepared to take more responsibility for implementing the operational plan
- ♣ Approves a more prudent spending of our reserves
 - ♣ Proposes allowance to spend up to 30% of the reserves at the end of 2011, for the triennium, the years 2012, 2013 and 2014

Vote: *Full members, two thirds majority*

- **For** 5
- **Against** 17
- **Abstentions** 7

MOTION NOT CARRIED

Reference Number: EEGM 11 04	Title: Amendment to budget approval cycle
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Proposed by: *The Europe Committee WAGGGS*

Seconded by: LUXEMBOURG

Taking into account the fact that the World and Europe have different budgeting cycles, the Extraordinary General Meeting:

- ♣ Agrees that future European Conferences approve an 'in principle' budget only, with a detailed budget proposed at an Extraordinary General Meeting at the World Conference European Gathering in the following year
- ♣ Agrees that the completed Triennial Financial Report is presented for approval to the Extraordinary General Meeting at the World Conference European Gathering.

Vote: *Full members, simple majority*

- **For** 26
- **Against** 1
- **Abstentions** 2

MOTION CARRIED

Reference Number: EEGM 11 08	Title: Budget approval
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Proposed by: *The NETHERLANDS*

Seconded by: *ICELAND*

Taking into account the votes on the Voluntary Contribution level and the projected reserve positions, the EGM approves the 'in principle' budget for the triennium 2012 - 2014

Vote: *Full members, two thirds majority*

- **For** **28**
- **Against** **0**
- **Abstentions** **1**

MOTION CARRIED

Reference Number: EEGM 11 05 01	Title: Continuation of the Finance Working Group until the 14th European Guide Conference.
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Amendment proposed by: *FINLAND*

Seconded by: *NORWAY*

Ask that the motion EEGM 11 05 ("Continuation of the finance working group for the rest of the triennium") is amended by adding the following points:

- ♣ The FWG should pay special attention to the cost structure in relation to income and also on transparency and good governance in finance.
- ♣ Recognising that the important but challenging field of fund raising needs a well planned strategy and special focusing, to found a new working group to focus solely on fund raising.

Vote: *Full and Associate members, two thirds majority*

- **For** **10**
- **Against** **15**
- **Abstentions** **6**

AMENDMENT NOT CARRIED

Reference Number: EEGM 11 05	Title: Continuation of the Finance Working Group until the 14th European Guide Conference.
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Proposed by: *The Europe Committee WAGGGS*

Seconded by: *CYPRUS*

Recognising the valuable contribution made by this group so far, and that there is much work still to be done, the Extraordinary General Meeting:

- ♣ Approves that the Finance Working Group continue to work on their remit as defined by the 13th European Guide Conference 2010 until the 14th European Guide Conference in 2013.

Vote: *Full and Associate members, two thirds majority*

- **For** **31**
- **Against** **0**
- **Abstentions** **0**

MOTION CARRIED