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To:

**International Commissioners and
Principal Contacts of NSOs and NSAs
within the European Region**

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Invitation - Briefing Meeting 2012

Dear friends,

As you will recall at the 20th European Scout Conference in Brussels, Belgium, there were only seven candidates who stood for election to the European Scout Committee. At the time, a number of NSOs reflected that it was concerning that people were apparently unwilling to come forward and stand for election.

I'm writing to advise you that in an effort to increase the number of candidates, the European Scout Committee is organising a briefing meeting for potential candidates and their NSOs. This will take place well in advance of the 21st European Scout Conference, and also in advance of other important gatherings including the International Commissioners' Forum and the European Scout Symposium.

The briefing meeting will take place **in Geneva over the weekend of 10-11 November 2012** and will be facilitated by George Hourdakis and Lidija Pozaić Frketic, two former Members of the European Scout Committee.

During the same weekend, the European Scout Committee will be meeting and participants will have the opportunity to attend and observe, and speak with current Members of the European Scout Committee about the realities of the role ... both the pleasure and the pain!

With this in mind, we would like to invite interested individuals and their NSOs to consider participating in this meeting to learn more about the internal workings of the European Scout Region and how the European Scout Committee currently functions. The formal invitation and registration form, with details of costs, will be circulated in due course and should be returned no later than 5 October 2012.

The European Scout Committee is mindful that this meeting should not be seen as a place to announce candidatures, but that it should be seen purely as an assistance to help potential candidates and their NSOs to make informed decisions.

The European Scout Committee hopes that this new measure will be of interest; that NSOs will regard it as a positive development and will embrace the opportunity.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact David McKee, Regional Director, or myself.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairperson,
European Scout Committee