



Resolutions of the 21st European Scout Conference

Courtesy Resolution 1

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Courtesy Resolution 2

The 21st European Scout Conference records with pleasure the presence of the following guests:

- Simon Rhee, Chairperson of the World Scout Committee
- Scott Teare, Secretary General WOSM
- Wahid Labidi and John May – Vice Chairpersons, World Scout Committee
- World Scout Committee members – Karin Ahlback, Abdullah Alfahad, Marcel Blaguet, Mari Nakano, Joao Armando Gonçalves, Oscar Palmquist
- Bagrat Yesayan – Chair of the Eurasia Scout Committee and WSC member
- Gilbert Mussumba - Chair of the Africa Scout Committee and WSC member and Jeanne Ebongue, member of the Africa Scout Committee
- Esben Holager - Youth Adviser to the World Scout Committee
- Paul Parkinson – Member of the Asia-Pacific Scout Regional Committee
- Mohammed Ali Khalid – Consultant to the AP Regional Scout Committee
- JR Pangilinan and Frederic Tutu Kama Kama – Regional Directors for the Asia-Pacific and Africa Scout Regions
- The staff of the World Scout Bureau – Central Office
- Representatives of the World Scout Foundation
- Representatives of Kandersteg International Scout Centre
- Representatives from Scouts Australia
- Representatives of the World Scout Conference host committee
- Representatives of the 23rd World Scout Jamboree
- Representatives of: International Catholic Conference of Scouting, International Scout and Guide Fellowship, International Forum of Jewish Scouts, Council of Protestants in Guiding and Scouting

Courtesy Resolution 3

The 21st European Scout Conference records its thanks to the Chairmen, the Vice Chairmen of the Conference, the European Scout Committee 2010-2013, the Resolutions Committee and the Tellers, the interpreters, all those who have contributed to the running of the sessions and the staff of the World Scout Bureau - European Regional Office.

Resolution 4 - Regional Scout Plan 2013 - 2016

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- Noting the outcomes of the 5th European Scout Symposium in Dublin
- Welcoming the proposal developed by the European Scout Committee
 - **Accepts the proposal for the Regional Strategic Plan 2013-2016 as defined in the Conference Document 5**
 - **A major emphasis on growth to be added to the Regional Scout Plan:**
 - **By 30 sep 2016, we will have:**
 - **Provided support to NSOs and NSAs for actively working towards quantitative membership growth in the region**
 - **Strengthened the organizational capacity in NSOs and NSAs in order to grow and reach more young people in Europe**
 - **Seen an increase of total membership number in the Region over the coming triennium seen as a whole.**
 - **To be amended, under Core Services, Educational Methods:**
 - **Supported an integrated approach to the recruitment, training, support, personal development, recognition and management of volunteers.**
 - **To be added under Core Services, Organisational development:**
 - **Shape an effective partnership with the WAGGGS Europe Region that contributes to the achievement of strategic results for both NSOs and the Region**
 - **Entrusts the refinement of the Regional Scout Plan 2013-2016 to the European Scout Committee to be published before the 1st of January 2014 as amended**

Resolution 5 - Regional Fees

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- Noting that there has been no change in Regional Fees since the implementation of resolutions following the 18th Regional Scout Conference in Iceland 2004,
- Conscious of the impact that fluctuations of exchange rates can have on the amount to be paid,
- Recognising the relative ease with which NSOs can make payments in a single currency, the Euro,
- Mindful that any increase in regional fees would be a burden to many NSOs,
- Taking into the account the decision of the World Scout Conference to freeze the WOSM World fees for the period 2011-2020 on the basis of the census figures of 31.12.2009
- **Decides to formally adopt the Euro as the currency of denomination of regional fees.**
- **Decides to use the current fee rates of:**
 - **13 Euro centimes for Category D countries according to the WOSM categorisation***
 - **6.5 Euro centimes for Category C countries according to the WOSM categorisation***
 - **3.3 Euro centimes for Category B countries according to the WOSM categorisation***
 - **With minimum payment of EURO 195.**
- **Decides, in line with WOSM World fees, to use the census figures of 31.12.2009 as the basis of the calculation of also the regional fees**

- **Requests the European Scout Committee to monitor the situation of fee collection during the triennium 2013 – 2016 and where necessary propose any amendment for the levying of fees at the next Regional Conference in 2016.**

** The WOSM fee categorisation is based on*

Category A: GNI per capita up to US\$ 765,

Category B: GNI per capita from US\$ 766 to US\$ 3,035,

Category C: GNI per capita from US\$ 3,036 to US\$ 9,385,

Category D: GNI per capita from US\$ 9,386 to US\$ 45,740

Resolution 6 - Partnership Fund

The 21st European Scout Conference,

Recognising the benefits derived from the Centenary Fund/Partnership Fund over the 14-year period of their operation.

Asks the European Scout Committee to maintain the Partnership Fund with the following modifications:

- **The projects represent a genuine partnership between the respective NSO/NSA and the Region. For this purpose the project applications should in the future specify how the Region will be involved in the execution of the project and/or dissemination of the results to other NSOs,**
- **Applications from Kandersteg International Scout Centre Committee may be accepted on the same basis as for NSO and NSA applications, on the merit of the project submitted**
- **The total overall amount allocated to each project not to exceed a total of €10,000. The European Scout Committee may be permitted to provide funding above the level of €10,000 for exceptional projects,**
- **Where possible, priority is given to projects for which additional external funding is sought. For this purpose the Brussels Office can offer its expertise in identifying and matching potential external funding opportunities,**
- **The Committee conducts a mid term review of the impact of the Fund,**

Resolution 7 - Financial reporting

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- Welcoming the committee's good work towards strengthening the transparency in the work of the region, including the increased information level in the financial report,
- Recognising the good work done on financial reporting,
- Looking forward to continuing the work on strengthen transparency,

Asks for the following improvements in the future reporting to the European Scout Conference:

- **Include initial triennial budgets as approved by the European Scout Committee, in order to compare actual spending figures with the anticipated budget,**
- **On the outcome side, specify the amounts spent on the strategic priorities as set in the Regional Scout Plan,**

- **Furthermore, include the European Scout Region's consolidated accounts totals from the previous triennium in order to see financial developments over a longer period of time,**

Resolution 8 – Cost of Events

The 21st European Scout Conference

- Considering the Ninth article of the Scout Law, The Scout is thrifty,
- Acknowledging that regional or world events and activities, which are crucial in a global movement, are having increasingly high costs of participation,
- Recognizing that such events and activities also have costs that Scouting might, and should, work on in order to make them more economic, with lower participation fees, thus making them more accessible for everyone,
- Knowing that activities, by focusing on effective costs, have a strong educational impact,

Recommends

- **The European Scout Committee and the European Scout Bureau to give high relevance to the budgetary realism and to have parsimony in organizing or promoting events and activities;**
- **The European Scout Committee and the European Regional Scout Office to have the parsimony of fees as reasonably highly valued criteria when deciding among candidatures to host events and activities, also taking into account eventual external cost-driving factors in the candidate country,**
- **Recommends the European Scout Committee, fostering transparency and increasing cost awareness, offers information on the cost structure in the most transparent way as possible for all regional events**

Resolution 9 – Strategic Partnership with WAGGGS

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- Noting the continuing commitment to work in positive and constructive co-operation between the Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region on areas of common concern and interest,
- Welcoming the evaluation process undertaken in 2012-2013,
- Taking account of the proposal for the future partnership between the Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region,
- **Welcomes the establishment of a long-term Memorandum of Understanding between the Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region;**
- **Endorses the ways of working of the work in partnership as outlined in section (6) of the 14th European Guide and Scout Conference Document 5;**
- **Agrees the proposed common outcomes for the next triennium that will be achieved through specific projects in partnership as outlined in section (5) of the 14th European Guide and Scout Conference Document 5;**
- **Encourages NSOs/NSAs to participate as they think appropriate in the projects, events and activities offered by the two Regions in partnership;**
- **Notes the efforts of the Regions to identify appropriate financial and human resources needed to deliver agreed projects, events and activities.**

Resolution 10 – WSB-CO Relocation and Reputation

The 21st European Scout Conference,

Recognising

- That the site of the World Scout Bureau Central Office represent much more than an operational decision. It is a sign, a symbol that carries with it the values that bind us together,
- That membership of Scouting is growing in Europe. Associations have made enormous efforts to improve the image of scouting in the media by emphasising its democratic and citizenship credentials,
- That we today live in a global village. The European media picks up decisions taken by our brother and sister Scouts in other countries. National associations are then interviewed by journalist seeking out their opinion and asking to what extent they support these decisions,

Taking into consideration

- That this decision to move the World Bureau Central Office to Malaysia raises a number of concerns. The European Scout Conference has no desire to make a value judgement on Malaysia. However, in Europe, this country's image is problematic, particularly with regard to its level of democracy and respect of minority rights,
- That European media will, unquestionably, point out the incompatibility of this decision and the values espoused by the Scout Movement. This will inevitably impact negatively on the confidence families place in the Scout Movement,

Assures

- That the European Conference is not opposed to a change of location. It considers the choice of Asia-Pacific Scout Region as an opportunity, but it needs to be a country whose reputation and respect for minorities is well recognised,

And

- Convinced that the PwC report failed to sufficiently inform the World Scout Committee in order to make an adequate decision on the location of the World Scout Bureau – Central Office,
- Convinced that the WSB Central Office must be located in a place that ensures equal rights, non-discriminatory access and a safe stay to all groups, faiths and nationalities present in World Scouting.
- **Instructs the European Scout Committee to convey this conference's serious concerns at the proposed location, to advocate to stopping any irreversible preparatory steps to carry out this decision and asks for the full publication of the assessments that support the decision, including a response to these concerns, before a final decision is taken,**
- **Invites the World Scout Committee and the Secretary General to consider the consequences of the proposed choice of Malaysia to be the site of the World Scout Bureau Central Office,**

Resolution 11 – WSB-CO Relocation and Transparency

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- Having taken note of the Circular 19/2013 of July 2013 informing NSOs of the evaluation of the location of the World Scout Bureau Central Office,
- Having taken note of the Circular 20/2013 of August 2013 informing NSOs of the intention of the Secretary General WOSM to relocate the World Scout Bureau Central Office,
- Remembering Resolution 17/2008 of the World Scout Conference, in particular the requirement to conduct in full transparency a full feasibility study of the best location of the World Scout Bureau, and to afford interested National Scout Organizations the possibility to submit suggestions and comments,

- Noting as a precedent that the World Scout Conference has previously pronounced itself on the issue of location of the Central Office, notably by Resolutions 12/1967 and 17/2008,
- Remembering in detail the Resolution 4/2008 of the World Scout Conference, in particular its recommendation to the World Scout Committee, among others, that more transparent, effective and immediate information be given to National Scout Organizations in order to allow them to take the appropriate decisions and positions, and that all steps be taken in order to preserve the Movement from external or non-democratic influences that are not set out in the Constitution,
- Being convinced that the World Scout Organisation must be democratically governed by its component NSOs,
- Guided by the Article XIV 1f. and XXI 1c. of the WOSM Constitution,
- **Considers that the requirements set in the Resolution 17/2008 concerning full transparency in the process have been neglected**
- **Considers that continuous efforts are required to comply with the firm recommendations set in Resolution 4/2008**
- **Finds it essential that the World Scout Conference shall have the opportunity to assert itself on issues that are of strategic importance and potentially controversial to the World Scout Movement**
- **Considers that the decision to be taken by the World Scout Committee regarding relocation must be ratified by the World Scout Conference**
- **In line with Article XIV.1.f of the WOSM Constitution requests the item "Transparency and Decision-Making at the World Level of WOSM" to be included on the agenda of the 40th World Scout Conference 2014 in Slovenia**

Resolution 12 – Climate Change

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- Concerned that climate change poses an immediate and far-reaching threat to people and communities around the world and is already affecting the current and future generations;
- Noting that the next UN Climate Conference will take place from 11 to 22 November 2013 in Warsaw, Poland;
- Acknowledging that the World Organization of the Scout Movement as an accredited observer organization to the UN is entitled to participate with delegations at different international conferences
- Recalling that WOSM is already an active member of the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO) and the official youth constituency at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Bearing in mind that as the largest youth movement we can give 35 Million of young people a voice and communicate our message about climate protection and climate justice in a broad context;
- Stressing out that the "World Scout Environment Programme" is a good foundation for all scouts worldwide to get involved
- Recalling resolution ESC20/6 - Nature as a Frame for Programme;
- **Calls particularly on the EU Delegations and its Member States to work strongly and honestly for the conclusion of a legally binding climate agreement with "Climate justice" as a guiding principle;**
- **Calls on the World Scout Committee to consider different needs of the involvement of Scouting, and particularly:**
 - **To set up an open, fair and transparent process of recruitment of a WOSM delegation together with WAGGGS,**

- **To develop a training process to ensure a basic level of knowledge on the climate negotiations and the character of a delegation,**
- **To consider an alternative funding system for this international work of Scouting to allow NSOs and participants from economical weaker backgrounds to take part;**
- **Calls on the World Scout Movement to advocate effectively the position of WOSM regarding Climate Change, play an active role in ICMYO, and contribute positively to the YOUNGO agenda.**

Resolution 13 – Financial Crisis

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- Considering the current financial crisis in Europe and its negative impact on young people and on the European integration process;
- Seeing the need to strengthen and encourage youth participation in EU policies, in particular in the 2014 European Parliament elections and to use the elections as an opportunity for citizenship education;
- **Requests the European Scout Committee to develop, with inputs from NSOs, a policy paper on the topic of European integration, financial crisis and their impact on young people in Europe;**
- **Calls on the European Scout Committee to foster the involvement of Scouting in the European Youth Forum and other European partner structures in shaping European youth policy integration.**

Resolution 14 - Recent developments in the Middle East – impact on young people

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- **Expresses its grave concern over the continuing detrimental effects to the lives of young people and the Egyptian and Syrian societies at large, as a result of the ongoing internal conflicts in the region;**
- **Expresses its fervent wish for an immediate cease of hostilities, while it expresses its sympathy to the thousands of individuals lost or injured;**
- **Reaffirms its commitment to continue working closely with the Arab Scout Region, the Egyptian Scout Federation and the Scouts of Syria towards alleviating the impacts of this strife within the framework of resolutions set by the recently held Euro-Arab Meeting and beyond, in light of the circumstances that have emerged since June 2013.**

Resolution 15 - Inclusion of young migrants

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- Recognizing the need to work with young persons, who migrated from their home countries,
- Acknowledging the work of the European Scout Region in the field of diversity,

Recommends that:

- **The European Scout Committee take actions in the next triennium for building systematic solutions and tools for the NSOs that can be used to involve the young migrants living in the new societies so they can be helped to adapt and integrate ;**
- **The European Scout Committee to stimulate and inspire the NSOs in Europe to work in helping young migrants in order to fulfil a constructive role in society as individuals.**

Résolution 16 – Erascout programme

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- Acknowledging that young people are increasingly tending to travel throughout Europe as part of their studies or their linguistic and occupational training. Immersion in, and adaptation to, a foreign country is a time consuming and often complex process. However, the young people involved often express their desire to continue their involvement as citizens of Europe through their membership of the scouting and guiding movement, among other pursuits.
- Acknowledging that in the response to this reality, Member Associations and Organisations have for some considerable time encouraged the hosting and transfer of 17 to 25 year olds studying or training abroad for extended periods of time under the following projects: Erasmus Scouts (Belgian Scouting Associations), ErasmusScout (AGESCI Italy), Scoutasmus (FCEG Spain), Scout Erasmus (MSC Spain), Escout (CNE Portugal), Erascout (SGDF France).
- Convinced of the value of these educational processes and opportunities, which allow young people to more easily integrate in to the host country, can enhance their employability, and support the vision of a more peaceful world, one which is more welcoming of differences,
- Convinced that this opportunity offers young adults a way to pursue their Scouting/Guiding activities and to experience the local Scouting and Guiding associations,
- Acknowledging that the European institutions nowadays wish to facilitate youth exchange arrangements to the maximum, for both students and professionals, via such systems as funding programmes for youth and mobility and EU flagship initiatives such as “Youth on the Move”,

Recommends that the European Scout Region,

- **Provide a space on scout.org websites and Europak, where young people who are interested can contact NSAs and NSOs; and**
- **Support and publicise this move via various events and through available communications channels,**
- **Engage with European Institutions to promote this opportunity to policy makers at European and national level.**

Resolution 17 – Strengthening Networking, cooperation and interconnected NSO's

The 21st European Scout Conference,

- Having taken note of the positive impact of the current networking opportunities provided in the region,
 - Having taken note of the positive experience of NSO-led partnership initiatives (i.e. Recognition of Learning in Scouting),
 - Underlining that our ability to work together is greater than our differences,
 - Believing that NSOs could mutually benefit through the establishment of NSO-NSO partnership programmes,
 - Remembering Art 3.1 of the Constitution of the European Scout Region on the functions of the European Scout Conference.
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- **Calls upon the European Scout Committee to further support NSO-NSO cooperation and mutual assistance within the European Scout Region.**
 - **Requests the European Scout Committee to support the development of the existing international links schemes so that it is available to all.**