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**TO:**

International Commissioners and other principal contacts of NSOs and NSAs in the European Region of WOSM

**Circular 18/2013**

**World Circulars 23/2013 and 24/2013 – New Structure for the World Scout Bureau**

Dear Friends,

As you are aware, the World Scout Committee (WSC) published Circular 23/2013 on 27 September 2013 (see attachment), in which it invites all National Scout Organisations (NSOs) to take part in a postal referendum. During its recent meeting in Buenos Aires from 21-23 September 2013, a new direction was taken by the WSC regarding the new structure of the World Scout Bureau (WSB). This is described in the above-mentioned Circular.

In the meantime you will also have received Circular 24/2013, which was sent out by the Steering Committee of the World Scout Committee through Scoutpak earlier today in an effort to clarify a certain number of points concerning the postal referendum:

- Clarification of the constitutional basis for the postal referendum and rules as to voting;
- Clarification that the quorum will be calculated on the basis of provisions contained in the constitution;
- Clarification that each NSO has six votes to allocate;
- Clarification that NSOs may split their votes;
- Clarification that a vote not cast cannot be considered as an endorsement of the WSC's decision;
- Clarification that the WSB will acknowledge receipt of your ballot form.

The WSC decided to ask NSOs to endorse its decision by postal referendum during October 2013. We strongly encourage you to read Circulars 23/2013 and 24/2013 and to respond by the deadline specified, which is 25 October 2013.

We, as your Committee, have been actively engaged in ensuring that these matters were clarified quickly in order to provide you with as much support as possible.

However, if you have further questions, you may wish to contact us through [europa@scout.org](mailto:europa@scout.org). Please do not forget to be active participants in this process.

With kind regards,

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Chairperson

On behalf of the European Scout Committee.

Annexes: World Circulars 23/2013 and 24/2013 (English and French)