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**To:**

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

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**Circular 4/2014**

**Subject: Regional Participation in the World Scout Conference**

Dear friends

Shortly you will receive by mail information on the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference in Slovenia, from the World Scout Bureau. Despite budget constraints, we hope to ensure that all NSOs in Europe are represented in these events and the European Scout Committee has determined that some support will be made available to facilitate this representation.

Further, and recognising that the Regional Scout Plan also aims to support Youth Empowerment, we would want to encourage participation in both events by younger delegates by prioritising our support.

We recognise also that representation at the key decision making body of WOSM is the responsibility of the NSOs; if support is offered for a young delegate to both the Forum and Conference, some additional support may be possible for an older delegate to the Conference.

The Region is considering supporting in the payment of the participation fees only. This is because this is the element over which NSOs have less control. Accommodation and travel costs can be managed better by the NSOs themselves and reduced accordingly. It is unlikely that any offers for 100% funding will be offered.

The Region invites NSOs to consider their representation at the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference. Many NSOs consider it their own constitutional obligation to ensure representation but the Region recognises that for some NSOs, cost of participation are difficult.

Additionally, the Region invites NSOs who are in a more advantageous position to consider supporting their partner NSOs not only in Europe but also across the world. If you wish to offer this support through the Region, you are requested to contact the Regional Director to agree how this support will be administered.

**PLEASE ACT QUICKLY TO ENSURE YOUR REQUEST IS MADE IN TIME**

For those who feel that they need assistance for participation in these world events we invite NSOs to make a formal request for assistance. We would ask for the following:

- How many participants are you considering sending to:
  - The World Scout Conference
  - The World Scout Youth Forum
- What is the anticipated age profile of these participants?
- What level of funding are you requesting from the Region?
- Have you identified any other sources of support for your participation and if so please indicate what this is?
- Please submit you most recent financial statements.

This request should be sent, in confidence, to the Regional Director **no later than 4 March** so that the European Scout Committee can examine all the requests and determine the level of support that is possible.

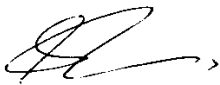
Any offer of support will have to meet reservation deadlines and reporting requirements. These will be advised at the time that the offer of support is made.

As said above, we hope to facilitate the participation of all eligible NSOs in the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference. It is important that the many voices of Europe are heard.

I look forward to hearing from you by 4 March. If you have any questions relating to this offer of support, please do not hesitate to contact your Committee Contact Member or myself for clarifications.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. McKee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David McKee  
Regional Director