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To: International Commissioners and Principal NSO contacts in the European Scout Region

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Urgent Action Required for Category B and Category C NSOs

World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference Support

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED FROM CATEGORY B AND C COUNTRIES

Dear friends

At its meeting in November 2016, the European Scout Committee agreed its policy on support for NSOs from the Region to participate in the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference both to be held in Azerbaijan this summer.

They agreed to wait to distribute this information till the support available from the host organisation and the world level was available.

- As a general principle, the Committee agreed that only 1 participant would be supported from any NSO.
- The Committee emphasises its commitment to youth empowerment by offering only support to those able to attend both the World Scout Youth Forum and the World Scout Conference. (This is also the condition of *Operation Hamraylik* of the World level support which is incorporated into the support offered by the Region.)
- No support is offered to Category D countries.
- Limited support is offered to Category C countries. NSOs are requested to advise how much the NSO/individual participant is able to contribute to the combined Youth Forum /Conference costs.
- Full support for the combined participation fee for the Youth Forum / Conference is offered to all Category B countries. Additional support will be based on offering a portion of the travel and accommodation costs through a negotiation based on what the NSO and/or individual participant is able to contribute.

What to do now?

For Category B and C countries – please identify the individual to participate in the both the World Scout Youth Forum <u>AND</u> the World Scout Conference – <u>NO LATER THAN 31 MARCH 2017</u>.

Clearly the participant needs to be between 18 and 26 on the first day of the World Scout Youth Forum, 7 August 2017.

For both categories, the participant or the NSO must identify how much they can contribute to participation costs and advise this at the same time as advising the name of the participant.

Sponsored participants will be required to participate fully in both events and prepare a one page report of 500 words on what benefits to the individual and to the NSO have been achieved through participation in the event. More detailed requirements will be advised to the sponsored participants.

Please act on this request as quickly as possible. The deadline for receipt of requests and submissions is 31 March. Late responses will regrettably not be accepted.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

David McKee Regional Director

The 7 countries in Category B are: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Macedonia (FYRO), Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, and Turkey.

The 8 countries in Category C are: Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Slovakia.