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To: International Commissioners

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South Sudan Scout Association

Dear Colleagues,

The World Scout Bureau has received an application from the South Sudan Scout Association for recognition by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of WOSM, the World Scout Committee considered this application at its meeting on 28 September–1 October 2012, and recommended that it be accepted.

Under the terms of Article VI.2 of the WOSM Constitution, "if within three months the recommendation is unopposed or opposed by less than five per cent of the Member Organizations", the South Sudan Scout Association will be declared a Member, as the National Scout Organization of South Sudan, of the World Organization of the Scout Movement as from 1 May 2013. Affirmative votes are not required.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Teare
Secretary General WOSM

Encl.: Information on the South Sudan Scout Association

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Fast Facts

- The total Population of South Sudan is 8.26 million
- The total Area of South Sudan is 644,329 sq. km
- More than half (51%) of the population is below the age of eighteen.
- 72% of the population is below the age of thirty
- 83% of the population is rural
- 27% of the adult population is literate
- 51% of the population live below the poverty line
- 78% of households depend on crop farming or animal husbandry as their primary source of livelihood
- 55% of the population has access to improved sources of drinking water

Boundaries: Sudan to the north, Ethiopia to the east, Uganda and Kenya to the southeast, Democratic Republic of Congo to the southwest and Central African Republic to the west.

Political system: The Constitution establishes a presidential system of government headed by a president who is head of state, head of government, and commander-in-chief of the armed forces. It also establishes the National Legislature comprising two houses: a directly elected assembly, the National Legislative Assembly; and a second chamber of representatives of the states, the Council of States.

Scouting was active since the 50s, as part of Sudanese Scouting. After independence of South Sudan, 7 groups out of 10 states met and held elections of a constitutive Board to establish the new National Scout Organization recognised by the national authorities and submit an application to become a member of WOSM.

South Sudan Scout Association today:

- About 2,000 members and covers all the 10 states of the country.
- Good experience on community services like polio eradication campaign; sensitization against river blindness; burying the dead and healing the wounded during the war; tree planting and canal building, going to hospitals, cleaning campaigns, leprosy elimination, first aid, etc.
- The Association has been working on its policies and strategic plan – drafts of its Youth Policy (including child protection), the Association Strategic plan and programmes are under development.
- Strong support by Government and local authorities, community reliance on Scouting, families seem very proud to be parents of Scouts.
- Leadership and management teams comprised of people of high calibre, an excellent approach regarding youth participation, gender balance as well as religious, languages and ethnic origins.
- Already a partnership with neighbours' NSOs (Uganda, Kenya and Sudan) to get more exposure and is planning to attend wood badge training there
- The South Sudan Scout Association has relatively decent headquarters and a number of properties.

The Constitution of the South Sudan Scout Association has been checked thoroughly and approved by the Constitution Committee. A fact-finding visit to South Sudan was undertaken from 5th to 9th November 2012. The conclusion is that the South Sudan Scout Association fully meets the requirements for admission to WOSM membership.

In becoming a Member of WOSM, South Sudan Scout Association will become, as it so desires, a member of the Africa Scout Region and will be supported also by the Arab Scout Region due the linguistic reality of the country (*The Association operates in English and Arabic (7/10 states are Arabic speaking but English is the official language of the country).*)