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To: International Commissioners
National Programme Commissioners

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The Scout Method Review

Dear Friends,

At the 40th World Scout Conference in Slovenia, the Conference adopted Resolution number 8/14, which called on the World Scout Committee (WSC) to reconsider the Scout Method. This has been included as an action step in the current Triennial Plan. Further, the WSC has created a Unit, as part of the Innovating Scouting Work Stream, to facilitate the review of the Scout Method. This Unit has met regularly through virtual means and had a physical in person meeting in Kuala Lumpur, September last year. The Unit has analysed the current situation; reviewed all world and Regional materials and interpretations of the Scout Method as well as some materials coming from some National Scout Organizations (NSOs). The Unit has considered the outcomes of the 1st World Scout Education Congress and based on the analysis, have made some proposals. In this Circular, we update you on the process of gathering further feedback on this important task.

First draft and Consultation period

The process of Reviewing the Scout Method has reached a fruitful step with the production of a revised draft text. So far, the draft text has been sent for consultation with some experts in the field of education as well as select NSOs identified by the Regions. These NSOs were selected either since they have just reviewed or are currently reviewing their Youth Programme and/or the application of the Scout Method.

We now want to extend this opportunity to all interested NSOs for consultation. If your NSO is interested in commenting on the current draft, please send an email to the Scout Method Review Unit at educationalmethods@scout.org, and we will forward a copy of the current draft to you for your input.

The consultation period **will end on 30th May 2016**. We would be grateful if your feedback is provided by that date. After this consultation period, the Unit will work on firming up the final text to be sent to the Constitutions Committee for review (as there may be a need for Constitutional amendments) and subsequently to the WSC for endorsement. The finalised draft will be presented as a Conference Document for a decision at the World Scout Conference in Azerbaijan 2017.

Upcoming Scout Method Event

The Asia-Pacific Scout Region (APR), in collaboration with the General Association of the Scouts of China, will be organizing an APR Workshop on revisiting the application of The Scout Method between **12 – 15 August 2016** (four business days from Friday to Monday) **in New Taipei City, Taiwan** (Republic of China). This event is intended to contribute to reviewing the Scout Method under the "Innovating Scouting Work Stream" of WOSM's world level Triennial Plan 2014-2017. The Workshop will also include discussions on WOSM's "21st Century Leadership in Scouting" Model¹. Therefore, Participants from other Regions are strongly welcome to attend this workshop to enrich the outcomes of the workshop. This workshop will be a significant milestone in the final steps of the review process for the Scout Method. For more information regarding this event, please refer to the APR circular No. 04, series of 2016, which you can find at this [link](#). We look forward to your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ Refer to 40th World Scout Conference Document No. 10 "21st Century Leadership in Scouting". Click this [link](#).