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International Commissioners

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Review of operations in the Eurasia Scout Region

Dear friends,

Over the last 6 months, a review was conducted to ensure that the support and activities the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) provides to National Scout Organizations (NSOs) in the Eurasia Scout Region are adequately aligned with their needs.

This review was a result of a request from the Eurasia Regional Scout Committee and myself, following the serious decline in membership of young people in the Region. As a consequence, we conducted field visits to all nine NSOs in the Region between January and March 2018, and presented a report to the Regional and World Scout Committees between March and April 2018.

The outcomes of the deliberations can be summarised as follows:

- There remains a very serious concern from both the World and Regional Scout Committees with the current overall decline of Scout membership in the Region.
- The field visits conducted in all NSOs pointed to
 - a very complex geopolitical, social, and civil context in which Scouting operates, but also to the commitment of national and local Scout leaderships to serve as many young people as possible
 - a need to ensure the support World Scouting provides in the Region is hands-on, practical, and immediately applicable in the field
 - a need to review some of the current support systems to better answer the needs of NSOs
- Both the Eurasia Regional Scout Committee and the World Scout Committee (WSC) confirmed WOSM's strategic commitment to the Region to ensure that it can provide tailored and high-quality support to its NSOs.

The WSC concluded its discussions on this subject with a request to all NSOs in the Region to explore new ways to deliver quality Scouting for more young people, in order to reverse the decline in membership. Moreover, the WSC requested the World Scout Bureau (WSB) to review the way it delivers support to NSOs in the Region.

As a consequence of this, a number of staff changes have recently happened in the Eurasia Support Centre, including the departure of Mr Iurie Emilian, the current Regional Director, from his position by the end of June 2018.

Iurie has served in his role for nearly nine years and managed the Region with dedication, under difficult conditions, and amid challenging geopolitical realities. Over the years, Iurie has worked with his team to deliver support to the NSOs in the Region and has been an excellent team player. I remain very grateful to Iurie for his service and friendship, and continue to be thankful for his support in ensuring a smooth transition in the Region.

To ensure a smooth transition, I have appointed, in consultation with the Regional Chairperson, Mr Srinath Tirumale Venugopal to the role of "Interim Coordinator." Srinath has experience in the Region due to his previous role as Eurasia Desk Officer and comes to this interim position with WSB Senior Management experience resulting from his previous tenure at the Global Support Centre. Additional support is being provided by the Global Support Centre to ensure all ongoing events as well as the implementation of the Regional Triennial Plan are delivered smoothly and effectively.

The position of the Regional Director as well as other staff in the Region will be advertised on scout.org/jobs in the coming months, and I kindly request all NSOs to encourage any suitable candidates to apply for these roles.

Dedicated communications have also been issued to the NSOs in the Eurasia Scout Region, so that they are fully aware of this transition period, our plans for the future, and how they can continuously access and receive services from the WSB.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Srinath Tirumale Venugopal, Interim Coordinator of the Eurasia Support Centre, at srinath@scout.org.

Yours in Scouting,

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