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Glossary of terms

The World Organization of the Scout Movement is referred to in this document either by its full name, as it has been expressed, or by its acronym WOSM.

The words "Interamerican Scout Conference" and "Regional Conference" can, are and will be used interchangeably in this document and in all the Official Documents of this institutional event.

The same happens with the words "Interamerican Scout Committee (ISC)" and "Regional Committee"; and with "World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre" and "Regional Office (WSB-IASC)".

This is also the case of the words "Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement" and "World Constitution"; and of "Constitution of the Interamerican Scout Region" and "Regional Constitution".

This document also makes use of the term "Member Organizations (MO)" to refer to the National Scout Organizations that make up the Interamerican Scout Region as full members, in accordance with Article 4 a of the Regional Constitution.

Languages

The official languages of the Interamerican Scout Region are English and Spanish. The World Scout Bureau – Interamerica Support Centre will make all documents of the Regional Conference available in both languages simultaneously.

In case of conflict in the interpretation of this Regional Conference Document, or any other official document of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, the English text shall prevail.

1/2022 - Economic Accessibility to Interamerican Events

The Conference:

- Recognizing the objectives of the Diversity and Inclusion Policy of the Interamerican Scout Region as an essential element to welcome all people without distinction in the Scout Movement,
- Considering the Strategic Priorities of the World Triennial Plan that establish essential points for the development of the Scout Movement,
- Reaffirming the Interamerican Scout Conference Resolution 9/2018 referring to strategic alliances,
- Recognizing the situation of economic recession that the entire world and the countries of the Region are going through due to the Covid-19 pandemic,
- Considering the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, mainly Goal 17 referring to Partnerships to achieve the Goals.

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee, together with the Member Organizations hosting regional events, to evaluate alternative locations for holding each event, considering those that involve institutional agreements with educational centers, community centers or public/private entities,
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to maintain the offer of hybrid regional events within the possibilities inherent to the event, as well as lower participation fees for virtual participation, in relation to face-to-face participation,
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to try to establish more accessible fees for observers to the Interamerican Scout Conference, especially in the case of people under 26 years of age.

2/2022 - The Importance of Mental and Emotional Health in the Interamerican Scout Region

The Conference:

- Considering that mental and emotional health is a fundamental axis in the development of people, including and especially children and adolescents,
- Considering that the Covid-19 pandemic experienced in the past three years made the importance of working for people's mental and emotional health even more evident,
- Considering that according to data from the World Health Organization, the suicide rate of children and adolescents and young adults up to 24 years of age increased significantly as a result of the pandemic,
- Considering that the "Safe from Harm" Policy of the World Organization of the Scout Movement has among its priorities the care of the mental health of young people and also of the adult volunteers responsible for implementing Youth Programme,
- Considering the positive impact generated by the work carried out in times of pandemic by a team of volunteers and professionals in the regional initiative "ApapachIAR" which consisted of the development of workshops, talks and seminars given virtually, with the aim of promoting the mental health care and attention; all of which additionally evidenced the importance of training our adult volunteers on this topic,
- Considering that health care must be approached in a comprehensive manner and this includes mental and emotional health,
- Considering that the study of emotions has made significant progress in recent decades and understanding the impact of this topic on the development of soft and concrete skills and abilities in individuals.

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to promote by all possible means the attention and care of mental and emotional health within the Scout Movement in the Region,
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to make every possible effort to guarantee that, in all regional events for young people, mechanisms for access to psychological care for the participants are implemented by a suitable health team prepared for this purpose,
- Request the World Scout Bureau Interamerican Support Centre to carry out a study among all the Member Organizations of the Region to monitor the progress of the implementation mechanisms and strategies for mental and emotional health care within the Youth Programme and in the formation processes of Adults in the Scouting,
- Request the World Scout Bureau Inter-America Support Centre to generate training related to mental and emotional health care, aimed at adults throughout the Region, as well as the preparation of a document with guidelines that help the Member Organizations of the Region in the formation and operation of specialized teams dedicated to the promotion and care of the mental and emotional health of its membership,

• Strongly urge the Member Organizations of the Region to create and train permanent mental and emotional health care teams, which also provide their services in all their events.

3/2022 - Regional Educational Proposal

The Conference:

- Considering that the 42nd World Scout Conference in its Resolution 2021-03 approved the proposed objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024, which include, among others:
 - 2.1 Support NSOs to take an integrated approach when implementing the Youth Programme, the life cycle of Adults in Scouting and other areas of educational methods, emphasizing their importance for sustainable growth.
 - 2.3 Support NSOs to be innovative in the design and implementation of their Youth Programme to ensure Scouting's relevance and ability to respond to the key needs of today's youth, while developing competencies for the future.
- Considering that the current Regional Educational Proposal was prepared 27 years ago, so it is no longer in force and does not respond to the interests and needs of young people or the communities in which it is developed,
- Considering the great importance of the Interamerican Scout Region having an updated Educational Proposal that allows guiding the regional strategy and serving as a reference to the Member Organizations of the Region.

- Approve the <u>Educational Proposal of the Interamerican Scout Region "Scout Movement:</u> <u>Education that Transforms Lives"</u>,
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the necessary measures to promote the implementation of the *Educational Proposal of the Interamerican Scout Region* "Scout Movement: Education that Transforms Lives" through the World Scout Bureau Interamerica Support Centre,
- Urge the Member Organizations of the Region to develop or update their National Educational Proposals taking as a reference the Educational Proposal of the Interamerican Scout Region "Scout Movement: Education that Transforms Lives".

4/2022 - Commitments with the Regional Plan 2022-2025

The Conference:

- Considering that the Regional Plan maintains alignment with the World Triennial Plan and is adapted to the needs of the Interamerican Region,
- Considering that the resolutions of the World Scout Conference are binding for all Member Organizations of the World Organization of the Scout Movement,
- Considering that the Regional Plan was built from a diagnosis in which members of a large majority of the Member Organizations of the Region participated, identifying the most relevant needs,
- Acknowledging and thanking the representatives of the Member Organizations of the Region in the Interamerican Networks that contributed to the elaboration of the objectives of the Regional Plan 2022-2025,
- Acknowledging and thanking the representatives of the Member Organizations of the Region who, at the Interamerican Scout Summit held in October 2021, established a baseline for the indicators and the commitments of the Member Organizations of the Region for the Regional Plan 2022 -2025,
- Considering that it is the responsibility of the World Scout Bureau Interamerica Support Centre to operationalize the Regional Plan, of the Interamerican Scout Committee its follow-up and of the Member Organizations of the Region the taking and reporting of their actions in relation to it,
- Considering that Article 12 of the Regional Constitution establishes the functions of the Interamerican Scout Committee, including the approval of the Regional Plan,
- Considering that article 39 of the Regional Constitution establishes the obligations of the Member Organizations of the Region, including reporting their contribution to the fulfillment of the Regional Plan.

- Urge the Member Organizations of the Interamerican Region to integrate the objectives of the Regional Plan 2022 2025 into their respective National Strategic Plans in order to generate greater strategic alignment between the global, regional and national levels,
- Invite each Member Organization of the Region to allocate human, material and financial resources, according to the reality of their institutions, for the development of activities that allow compliance with the indicators described in their National Plan, thus contributing to the indicators of the Regional Plan 2022 – 2025,
- Request the Member Organizations of the Region to actively participate in the activities and projects coordinated by the World Scout Bureau Interamerica Support Centre in order to support the development of the strategic axes of the Region in each of them,
- Encourage each Member Organization of the Region to motivate the active members of their organization to participate in training and regional activities that promote the personal and professional development of the participants and to apply to the calls for working groups of the Interamerican Scout Committee and of the World Scout Bureau Interamerica Support Centre, since the regional plan requires the involvement of people with different perspectives that contribute to its implementation,

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to monitor the progress of the Regional Plan 2022 2025 and make the necessary adjustments according to the trends and new needs of the Member Organizations of the Region and of the Region as a whole,
- Request the World Scout Bureau Interamerica Support Centre to carry out the necessary actions to achieve the greatest possible compliance with the indicators of the Regional Plan 2022 2025,
- Thank the Member Organizations of the Region that contributed to the execution of the Regional Plan 2018 2022 in compliance with Resolution 1/2018 of the 27th. Interamerican Scout Conference 2018.

5/2022 - Communications Management in Crisis Situations

The Conference:

- Considering the crisis situations that have already arisen at the level of the Member Organizations of the Region and their impact on the Interamerican Region,
- Recognizing that the communications area plays a fundamental role in the management of this type of situation,
- Understanding the importance of having effective and agile strategies that respond to the current needs of information management and communication response,
- Understanding that crisis situations are unpredictable and being aware of the risks involved in the absence of a crisis management communications plan,
- Recognizing the advances and opportunities produced thanks to the implementation of the "Safe from Harm" Policy of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the Regional Communications Strategy, one of whose objectives is to emphasize the importance of having a communications plan in crisis situations,
- Recognizing that there is a World Organization of the Scout Movement Plan for Crisis Communications that is applicable and replicable by all the Member Organizations of the Region.

- Urge the Member Organizations of the Region to design and develop crisis management communications plans derived from their risk management plans in accordance with the World Organization of the Scout Movement Plan for Crisis Communications,
- Invite Member Organizations of the Region to request services from the World Organization of the Scout Movement to help them develop their communications plans in crisis management,
- Invite the Member Organizations of the Region to participate in the best practices management mechanism of the Interamerican Scout Region and to record the processes and lessons learned from the implementation of their communications plans in crisis management,
- Urge the Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau Interamerica Support Centre to activate the Plan of the World Organization of the Scout Movement for Crisis Communications whenever a situation arises that requires it.

6/2022 - Management of Adult Volunteering in International Teams of the World Organization of the Scout Movement

The Conference:

- Considering that the Scout Movement is a youth organization that works with the support of adult volunteers,
- Considering that the adult volunteers who are part of the Scout Movement are largely the human resource responsible for the design, implementation, evaluation and adaptation of the plans, policies, and programs that the organization carries out and through which it materializes compliance of the Mission of the Scout Movement,
- Considering that all adult volunteers who are part of the Scout Movement are a valuable resource at the service of the institution and that it is the responsibility of the institution to make the best possible use of all available resources, including and especially the human resources represented precisely by the adult volunteers that make it up,
- Considering that a very significant group of adult volunteers who are part of the Scout Movement have excellent academic training, extensive professional experience in their respective fields of action and a long and important career within the Member Organizations of the Region exercising different roles and functions, all of which constitutes an important intangible heritage which can and should be placed at the service of the entire organization,
- Considering that the participation of adult volunteers in teams and working groups at the regional or global level is not due to political processes that imply or require the exercise of the institutional representation of any Member Organization,
- Considering that the support of adult volunteers from different countries, cultures, professions, profiles and skills is required to support with their work the provision of services through the Interamerican Region to one or more Member Organizations of the Region, or at the world level in the activities or responsibilities that are assigned to them and with which they are formally committed, all of which does not compromise in any way the Member Organizations of the Region where the volunteer is registered,
- Considering that the professional human resource represented by the staff of the World Scout Bureau in its different dependencies is limited and that every day it is necessary to dedicate more people to integrate different working groups, as well as for the provision of services to the Member Organizations of the Region, since they are the ones that have the capacity to translate into concrete and measurable actions the fulfillment of the Mission of the Scout Movement,
- Considering that the deployment of services to the Member Organizations of the Region is one of the highest priorities in whole organization, for which the contribution of adult volunteers with the appropriate professional profile and skills is required,
- Considering that it is vital for the organization to develop and keep ongoing processes of continuous improvement that allow the Scout Movement, the Member Organizations of the Region and the bodies of the regional and world level, to remain in constant development and strengthening, always oriented to generate membership growth and a greater positive impact on their communities, which in turn contributes to increasing the level of certainty of the permanence and validity of the Scout Movement over time.

- Require the Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau Interamerica Support Centre to continue promoting and encouraging the incorporation of adult volunteers in the different teams that are required according to the needs of the regional or world plans, or by the strategies and programs created, or that will be created in the future,
- Emphatically urge the Member Organizations of the Region to echo each and every one of the different calls for adult volunteers that are made at the regional and world levels and to encourage the incorporation of adult volunteers registered in each one of them to add their talents to the efforts that are made in the service of the institution and especially to generate its growth and development,
- Emphatically urge that all adult volunteers who meet the profiles specified in each of the different calls, can apply and participate in them in an agile, transparent and unhindered manner,
- Emphatically urge that the Member Organizations of the Region facilitate the application of adult volunteers registered in them, taking into account that the only requirements necessary to apply are the desire of the adult volunteer, their willingness to accept and fulfill the respective commitments, comply with the profile described in the respective call, be a registered and active member in a Member Organization.

7/2022 - Adaptation of the Interamerican Policy on Regional Networks

The Conference:

 Considering that in 2020 the Interamerican Scout Committee, took the agreement 18/2020:

The Interamerican Scout Committee agreed:

- Maintain the two events Interamerican Scout Youth Forum and Interamerican Scout Conference as two independent events, recognizing the value that each of them offers to the Region.
- That the Interamerican Scout Youth Forum be held a few months before the Interamerican Scout Conference, to have enough time to analyze the Forum's recommendations and transform them into draft resolutions to be presented by the ISC to the Conference.
- That the WSB-IASC analyze and propose new formats to hold the Inter-American Youth Forum, to maintain its attractiveness and enhance its educational value.
- Considering that by virtue of the agreement 18/2020 of the Interamerican Scout Committee, a new format was presented for the Interamerican Scout Youth Forum, which included a series of preparatory sessions in which the young participants chose the topics to be discussed during the 7th Interamerican Scout Youth Forum,
- Whereas the 7th. Interamerican Scout Youth Forum was held with a new format in 2022 and had a significant participation of young people from most of the Member Organizations of the Region of the Region,
- Considering that the Coordinators of the Interamerican Youth Network, elected during the 6th Interamerican Scout Youth Forum, will conclude its functions in the year 2022,
- Considering that the Interamerican Youth Network requires two new Coordinators to assume their duties as soon as possible.

Agrees to:

• Approves modifying the text of the Interamerican Network Policy where it says:

"The Coordinating Core of the Network is made up of two Coordinators, who were elected during the Regional Youth Forum, an executive from the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Support Centre and a member of the Interamerican Scout Committee."

For the text:

"The Coordinating Core of the Network is made up of two Coordinators elected at the first meeting of the network that takes place after each Regional Conference, an executive of the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Support Centre and a member of the Interamerican Scout Committee."

8/2022 - Strengthening of the International Teams to Facilitate the Monitoring of the Advances of the Regional and Global Strategic Plans

The Conference:

- Recognizing that the Member Organizations of the Region need to have consolidated international teams and effective information management systems to comply with the duties established in the Regional Constitution Article 39 letter d : "Report the actions that contribute to the implementation of the Regional Plan",
- Recognizing that the Member Organizations of the Region need to have consolidated international teams and effective information management systems to comply with the duties established in the World Constitution Article VII number 3 letter c: "Submit an annual report to the World Scout Bureau that includes an evaluation of progress in accordance with the requirements of its National Scout Constitution in a form to be determined by the World Scout Committee",
- Considering that compliance with the Regional Plan requires both constant monitoring of indicators and the active participation of all the Member Organizations of the Region,

- Require the Member Organizations of the Region to strengthen their international teams; and in the case of not having them, create them,
- Require the Member Organizations of the Region to prioritize the creation of information management systems that allow effective monitoring of the progress of the compliance indicators of the Regional Plan,
- Require the Member Organizations of the Region to commit to respond in a timely manner to all requests for information required by the different units and working groups at the regional and world levels of the World Organization of the Scout Movement,
- Urge the World Scout Bureau Interamerican Support Centre to provide the Member Organizations of the Region with the necessary means and training to strengthen their international teams and to implement effective information management systems,
- Urge the Interamerican Scout Committee to carry out the necessary follow-up actions for the implementation of this Resolution through the World Scout Bureau Interamerica Support Centre.

9/2022 - Promotion of Female Leadership in the Member Organizations of the Interamerican Scout Region

The Conference:

- Considering that Resolution 8/17 of the 41st World Scout Conference recommended the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at all levels of the Organization and building partnerships to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in all priorities and strategic decisions,
- Considering that the 26th Interamerican Scout Conference approved the Regional Policy on Diversity and Inclusion, of which gender equity and the empowerment of women is an important part of its processes.
- Considering that the 27th Interamerican Scout Conference approved Resolution 4/2018 requesting a diagnosis on the participation of women in leadership positions in the region and invited the Member Organizations of the Region to implement the "HeforShe" program,
- Considering the important and high-impact contributions that women have made in the Member Organizations of the Region and recognizing the effort that some Member Organizations of the Region have made in recent years to ensure the participation of women at different levels leadership and decision making.

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the measures it deems necessary to promote more women occupying leadership and decision-making positions at all levels of the Interamerican Scout Region,
- Invite the Member Organizations of the Region to generate and implement strategies that strengthen gender equity and the empowerment of women within their structures,
- Urge the Member Organizations of the Region to take into account the results of the study of female leadership in the Interamerican Region carried out by the Interamerican Scout Committee in the period 2018 2022, to take the necessary measures to improve the current situation of lack of female leadership in the Interamerican Scout Region,
- Invite the Member Organizations of the Region to actively promote the nomination, access and positioning of women in leadership and decision-making positions at all levels of the organization.

10/2022 - Positioning of the Interamerican Scout Region Against Discrimination

The Conference:

- Acknowledging that Scouting has made progress in terms of Diversity and Inclusion,
- Recognizing that all Member Organizations of the Region must continue to improve to demonstrate that Scouting is for everyone and that it is open to everyone,
- Acknowledging that this objective is of paramount importance to continue moving towards a future in which diversity and inclusion are recognized as key factors to strengthen Scouting and at the same time to leverage its growth,
- Recognizing that the Regional Plan 2022 2025 considers Diversity and Inclusion as a strategic priority, focusing on strengthening these elements in the Member Organizations of the Region to work together as a Region against any type of discrimination,
- Thanking all the young participants in the 7th Interamerican Scout Youth Forum for the statement they produced,
- Considering that Resolution 19/1977 of the 20th World Scout Conference reaffirmed its support for the United Nations Charter of Human Rights,
- Whereas the 26th Interamerican Scout Conference approved the Regional Policy on Diversity and Inclusion, which establishes the importance of attracting people in special situations of vulnerability to Scouting and the positive impact of Scouting on people from minority groups,
- Understanding the need to have a clear position regarding Diversity and Inclusion issues in order to maintain a firm position and not be neutral in the face of injustice.

- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee to generate a non-discrimination position document for the Interamerican Scout Region,
- Request the World Scout Bureau Interamerican Support Centre to share and support initiatives that support the position of non-discrimination of the Region and the Member Organizations that comprise it,
- Invite the Member Organizations of the Region to generate strategies to motivate and encourage people who are part of underrepresented groups to apply for leadership positions to have a diversity of opinions in decision-making spaces; and to contribute to education in Diversity and Inclusion to achieve greater social cohesion at all levels of society.

11/2022 - Decade of the Ocean

The Conference:

- Considering that the Ocean is being threatened as never before by pollution, climate change and predatory fishing, causing the loss and general degradation of marine ecosystems and biodiversity,
- Considering that the next few years will be crucial to guarantee a sustainable future for the Ocean and the multiple benefits it brings to the planet, and that in order to achieve that purpose we must change the way we interact with the Ocean (which includes the conservation and recovery of the main marine ecosystems, as well as the mangrove regions and coral reefs, the reduction of marine pollution levels, the sustainable management of fishing, among others),
- Considering that the Decade of the Ocean (2021 2030) instituted by the United Nations (UN) on December 5, 2017 (Resolution 72/73) is a global movement led by the United Nations Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO), which brings together scientists, governments, universities, companies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), to improve society's relations with the Ocean and thus contribute to the fulfillment of the UN 2030 Agenda, more specifically with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 (Life Below Water),
- Considering that the World Organization of the Scout Movement is a key partner of UN Environment through the *"Tide Turner Plastic Challenge"* program as one of the global programs of Earth Tribe,
- Considering that education (formal and non-formal) is essential to achieve this goal; hence the importance of involving the Scout Movement, which has since its inception a firm commitment to protecting the environment (Article 6 of the Scout Law), reinforced over the years by numerous resolutions of the World Scout Conference (e.g.: Resolutions 1971-12, 1988-06, 1990-13, 1993-11, 2005-18, 2008-22 and 2021-08), which also highlighted the importance of Scouting's involvement with the SDGs (Resolution 2017-08).

- Strongly urge all Member Organizations in the Region, whether or not they have access to the Ocean, to play an active role in the Decade of the Ocean,
- Encourage Member Organizations of the Region to participate in partnerships with other stakeholders and sectors, to support the implementation of the Decade of the Ocean,
- Request the Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau Interamerica Support Centre to develop the necessary tools to support the Member Organizations of the Region in this area of their work,
- Encourage the Member Organizations of the Region to annually celebrate World Ocean Day (June 8) with activities related to the conservation of the Ocean and awareness of its importance,
- Motivate the Member Organizations of the Region to incorporate educational materials of all kinds about the Ocean in their Youth Programme and to train adults in their use.

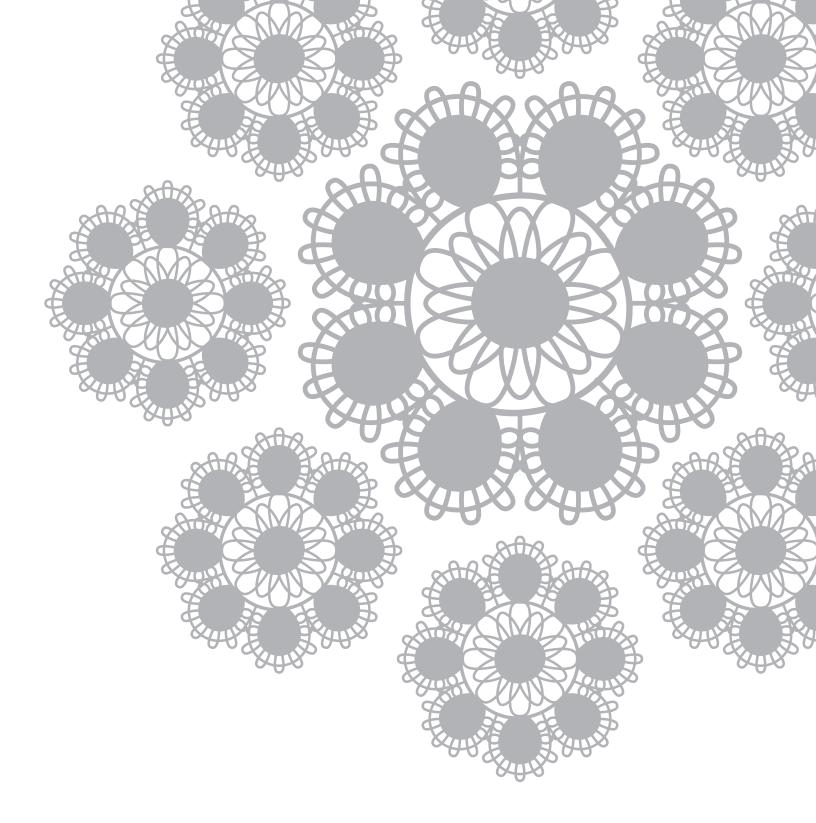
12/2022 - Creation of Youth Representatives of the Interamerican Region

The Conference:

- Recognizing the capacity of young people to strategically represent the Scout Movement,
- Recognizing the need to demonstrate that World Organization of the Scout Movement is an organization that puts young people at the center of its educational and institutional work,
- Referring to the young/external representatives' program of other regions and of World Organization of the Scout Movement,
- Noting Youth Participation, Communications and External Relations as strategic objectives of the new Triennial Plan 2022 – 2025,
- Being aware of the progress achieved through the implementation of the Youth Involvement Strategy 2011-2020 as outlined in its reports,
- Emphasizing that the Scout Movement is Scouting is an educational movement for and of young people, supported by adults,

Requests the Interamerican Scout Committee:

- The creation of a Youth Representatives Program from the Region for young people between the ages of 18 to 26 who will represent World Organization of the Scout Movement and its interests to relevant external stakeholders;
- To ensure greater diversity of representatives, as well as gender and geographical equality;
- To provide technical and financial support on the basis of the available budget and priorities defined;
- Position the Interamerican Scout Region in the discussions in accordance with positions discussed and agreed in advance with the Interamerican Scout Region or the Interamerican Scout Committee, the World Scout Bureau – Interamerica Support Centre and/or the volunteer leader of the strategic partnerships;
- Monitor the work and actions of the representatives and share them with the region's NSOs.





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