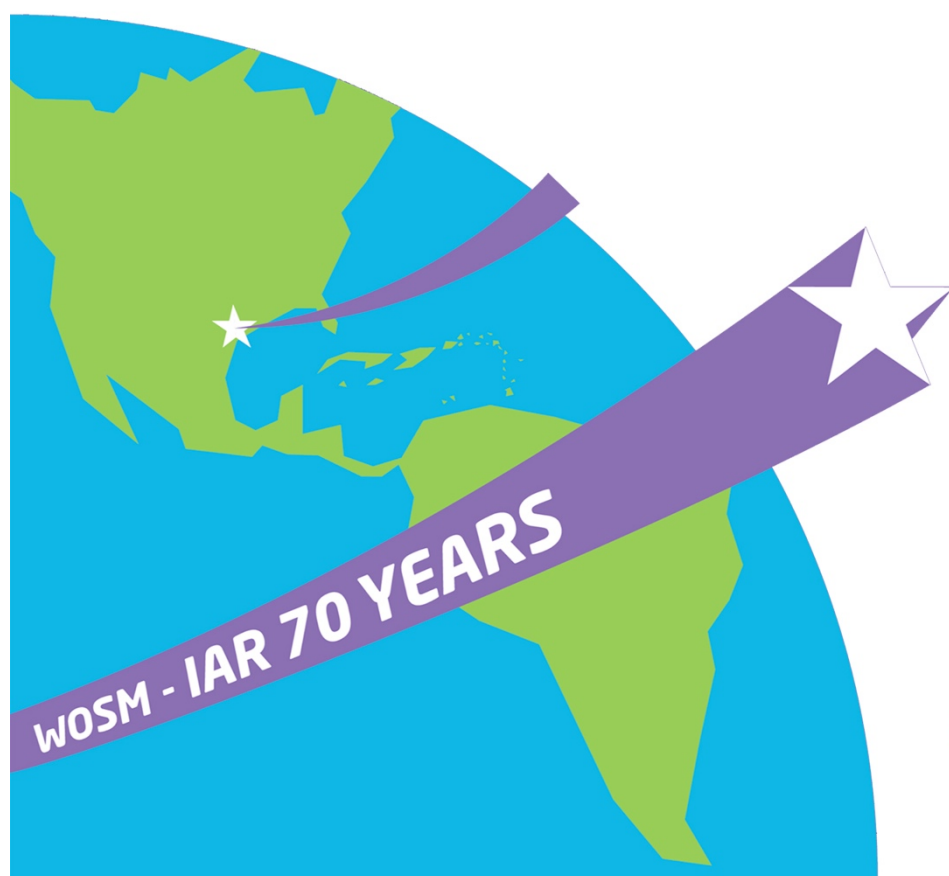


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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE

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RESOLUTION 1/16:

“Safe from Harm” in Adult Training

The Conference, considering:

- That the 36th World Scout Conference, which was took place in Thessaloniki, Greece in 2002, adopted Resolution 7/02, which since then establishes the key statement of WOSM’s Policy of Child Protection;
- That the 39th World Scout Conference, which took place in Curitiba, Brazil, in 2011, approved the World Adults in Scouting Policy, which emphasizes that the National Scout Organizations develop procedures for the recruitment and selection of adults. Likewise, it establishes the responsibility of each NSO to offer the best and most appropriate conditions for adults, in a way that they be able to perform their role as educators, whether they are volunteers or paid employees;

Agrees to:

- Call on all NSOs to include the topic of “Safe from Harm” in the training and development of its adult members;
- Request that the Interamerican Support Center of the World Scout Office support and assist NSOs in completing this task.

RESOLUTION 2/16:

Network Policies

The Conference, considering:

- That the Interamerican Region has organized Networks since the 1990s, and that this has enabled people with specific expertise from the NSOs to have the opportunity to learn and to exchange knowledge and experiences;
- The positive impact that this opportunity for the sharing of knowledge and expertise has had on the Networks in the Interamerican Region as well as the contribution that it has had on the development of the NSOs;

Agrees to:

- Recommend to the Interamerican Scout Committee, through the World Scout Office - Interamerica Support Centre, to produce a policy that will establish a framework for strengthening Regional Networks.

RESOLUTION 3/16:

Fees for Regional and Sub-Regional Events

The Conference, considering:

- That when organizing international events, it is common to request payments up front through banking transfers;
- That these transfers generally incur financial and/or legal costs associated with the receiving country, which affect the net amount received by the organizing NSO;
- That making additional charges to those established in the fees for the participation in events brings about complications both for the beneficiaries and for the participating NSOs;

Agrees:

- To encourage that the final published fee for any regional or subregional event include all financial and/or legal costs of the country of the NSO in charge of the event.

RESOLUTION 4/16:

Interamerican Policy on Diversity and Inclusion

The Conference, considering:

- That “Diversity and Inclusion” is one of the six Strategic Priorities included in the Strategies for the Scout Movement, approved in the 40th World Scout Conference, and that this priority establishes that the Scout Movement must reflect the societies where it exists and is actively working to welcome all people without distinction. This diversity must not only be reflected in the amount of members, but also in the methods and programs used in the Movement;
- That from the 18th to the 20th of September, 2015, the Interamerican Symposium on Diversity and Inclusion took place, and in it, the fundamental concepts for the topics of diversity and inclusion were established for the Interamerican Region;

Agrees on:

- Adopting the Interamerican Policy on Diversity and Inclusion;
- Requesting that the Interamerican Scout Committee take the necessary measures to guarantee the implementation of the directions established in the Interamerican Diversity and Inclusion Policy;
- Inviting the National Scout Organizations to implement the directions of the Interamerican Diversity and Inclusion Policy;
- Urging the National Scout Organizations to develop and implement their own National Policies on Diversity and Inclusion, consistent with the Interamerican Policy.

RESOLUTION 5/16:

Analysis of the Regional Annual Fees

The Conference, considering:

- That the Regional Constitution establishes the responsibility of the NSOs of the Region for contributing economically to provide the means for the development of the activities and for the compliance with the agreements of the Interamerican Scout Conference;
- The importance of the governance principles, the benefits of transparency, and the need for an equitable organization;

Agrees:

- Request from the Interamerican Scout Committee, through whichever means the World Scout Bureau - Interamerica Support Centre may consider appropriate, the analysis of the calculations of the Regional Annual Fees, as well as the publishing of the results.

RESOLUTION 6/16:

Preparation for Interamerican Youth Forum Participants

The Conference, considering:

- The importance of the Interamerican Youth Forum as a vocal platform for youth within the Region;
- That Youth Forum procedures and rules can be new to participants;
- The desire for Youth Forum participants to be able to fully participate and engage in forum activities and discussions;
- The value of time during the Youth Forum;

Agrees:

- To recommend that Interamerican Regional Scout Committee work with and support the planning committee of the Regional Youth Forums to provide an online training platform that prepares the participants to fully understand and engage in the procedures;
- To request that this training platform be made available for participants to utilize before the Youth Forum;
- To encourage the drafting of recommendations before arriving at the Youth Forum.

RESOLUTION 7/16:

Engaging Youth in the Organizing of Regional Events

The Conference, considering:

- That youth members are of utmost priority in the Scouting movement's mission and values;
- That a valuable part of improving and growing is becoming immersed in opportunities that allow us to take risks and try new things;
- The belief that an adult counterpart can serve as a role model and mentor, both inside and outside of Scouting, especially in such a crucial developmental time of young people's lives;
- That a youth/adult partnership will help to promote diversity, creativity, youth development, and better Scouting region-wide;

Agrees:

- To recommend that each regional event have qualified youth to support in the event's planning and execution stages;
- To promote that National Scout Organizations move towards a youth and adult counterpart working relationship for events, conferences, and committees at all levels of Scouting;
- To recommend to the Interamerican Scout Committee that in order for National Scout Organizations to host regional events, they should submit a plan during the bidding process on how they will engage youth in the planning and execution stages.

RESOLUTION 8/16:

Translation of Documentation in Spanish

The Conference, considering:

- That NSOs acknowledge the work of the Interamerica Support Centre in translating documents, at the regional level, that supports the work of NSOs;

Agrees to:

- Request that the Interamerican Scout Committee examine the possibility of establishing a strategy that enables World level documentation to be delivered as soon as possible in the languages of the Region.