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01/22 Resolution of Thanks

The successful 27th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference held on 15-21 February 2022 virtually in Rizal, Philippines, extends its gratitude and appreciation to the following for their invaluable contributions and support:

- 1.1/22 The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, and its Chairman H.E. Amb. Ahmad Rusdi and the five retiring members, for their guidance in designing, planning, and organizing the conference sessions and events.
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energy making the conference virtual transitions and delivery even more engaging and youth-friendly.

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- 1.13/22 The Safe from Harm volunteers, for their comprehensive presentation on keeping the Scouting safe for young people worldwide and for patiently answering all the questions raised by the Delegates and Observers on the online chat during the session.
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- 1.15/22 The Production Team for their time, effort, expertise, and skills in coordinating and delivering the support required for making the audio, video, live stream on Facebook and Youtube, onsite, and zoom presentations seamless. Their presence had made the virtual conference reach Scouts all over the world.
- 1.16/22 The JM's Place for the beautiful accommodation, friendly-ready staff, delicious food, perfect facilities making the stay of the Organizing Team, Support Staff, and Production Team comfortable.

02/22 Support on Developing, Reviewing and Refining National Youth Engagement Strategy

The Conference

- recognising Youth Engagement as a component of the core Educational Methods,
 - referencing the *World Youth Engagement Strategy* and *World Scout Youth Involvement Policy* which gives the direction of effective implementation of Youth Engagement,
 - acknowledging Item 5.3.2 in the *World Youth Engagement Strategy* to increase the number of National Policies on Youth Engagement, including clear structures, tools, processes, objectives, and indicators for all age sections and decision-making bodies.
- requests that the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee support NSOs to localise, develop, or if appropriate, review and refine their own National Youth Engagement Strategy such that the same caters to the needs of their youth members.
 - recommends that the aforesaid National Youth Engagement Strategy should:
 1. be closely linked with the National Youth Programme Policy, National Adults in Scouting Policy, and Terms of Reference/Constitutional requirements for Committees and governance structures of the NSOs;
 2. define the concept of Youth Involvement, Youth Engagement, and Youth Empowerment with the use of detailed descriptors at each level, with reference to *World Youth Involvement Policy* and *World Youth Engagement Strategy*;
 3. identify learning opportunities for young people at all ages at Unit, District, Regional, and National levels;
 4. recognise youth contribution and achievement;
 5. increase youth representation in decision-making bodies, including Committees and governance structures; and,
 6. be implemented , monitored and reviewed at least bi-annually.

This should be implemented by the end of the 2022-2025 triennium.

03/22 Ensuring Representation of Young Adults in Substantial National Decision-Making Bodies

The Conference

- Recognizing the importance of intergenerational collaboration and meaningful youth participation in decision-making,
 - acknowledging the *World Youth Engagement Strategy* which highlights the goal to increase youth engagement by including more young people in decision-making bodies at all levels of Scouting,
 - believing in the importance of aligning the regional Youth Engagement goals with the *World Youth Engagement Strategy*,
 - being aware that institutional push is needed to continue promoting the involvement of young people in decision-making,
 - reaffirming the *Asia Pacific Regional Plan 2018-2021* to involve young people under 30 in the decision-making process in their National Boards, Educational Methods, and/or Youth Program Committees.
- Adopts the text contained in the *Youth Engagement Strategy* of the World Organization of the Scout Movement under Key Objective 3.4 - *"To increase the benchmark for ensuring a representation of at least 40% of young people in the different decision-making bodies at National, Regional and World levels of WOSM and Operational Frameworks and support their full engagement."*;
 - Requests that the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee support NSOs to ensure representation of 40% or a minimum of 2 members in every substantial National decision-making bodies are under the age of 30, such that young adults can actively take part in the decision-making process. All members of such groups will preferably also have equal voting and decision-making abilities.
 - Recommends that support from the Asia Pacific Regional Support Office and the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee may be in the form of intergenerational dialogue training, workshops, best practice sharing sessions, and/or seminars, as preparedness for NSOs in APR to progress towards this goal is varied.

This should be implemented by the end of the 2022-2025 triennium.

04/22 Measures on Promoting Environmental Sustainability, Social and Economic Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region

The Conference,

- Acknowledging Resolution No. 2021-08 of the 42nd World Scout Conference that includes: *"The Conference requests the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to set environmental sustainability as described in the SDGs as a key framework when developing the next Strategy for Scouting and recognize that stronger conservation efforts can help communities become more resilient from climate disasters and compensate for our environmental impact"*,
 - Acknowledging Resolution No. 2021-08 of the 42nd World Scout Conference that includes: *"The Conference requests Member Organisations to ensure environmental education is better integrated into their National Programme, using Earth Tribe or other global and national initiatives"*,
- Requests the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee to continue addressing environmental sustainability, social and economic issues as described in the SDGs as a key framework through the Objectives outlined in the *Asia Pacific Regional Plan 2022 - 2025* and other Objectives;

- Requests the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee to support stronger conservation efforts at the National level by promoting such conservation efforts through initiatives such as *Messengers of Peace* and *Scouts for SDGs*;
- Strongly urges all NSOs in the Region to localise the *Earth Tribe* initiatives and/or other environmental education programs to combat global warming and climate change
- Requests the Regional Support Centre to assist NSOs in the incorporation and localisation of *Earth Tribe* and/or the establishment of national environment programs through *WOSM Services*

05/22 Production of a Report on Identifying Barriers to Meaningful Youth Participation in the Region and the NSOs

The Conference,

- Recalling the 42nd World Scout Conference Resolution Number 2021-07, titled "*Youth Advisor System and Youth Involvement in Decision-Making*",
- Acknowledging Items 5.1.2 and 5.3.1 in the *World Youth Engagement Strategy* which state the following:
 - "5.1.2 To support the content review and design of National Youth Programmes, so as to strengthen the application of all elements of the Scout Method and Youth Engagement through its implementation."
 - "5.3.1 To review all existing structures, mechanisms and systems at all levels with the aim of strengthening their potential contribution to increasing Youth Engagement in decision-making within the Scout Movement and outside of Scouting."
- Recognising also the need to further Youth Involvement in the Region,
- Requests the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee and Regional Support Centre to conduct a Survey amongst the NSOs in APR, and engage in intergenerational dialogue and discussions within NSOs to investigate institutional, structural, and cultural barriers to Youth Engagement and their possible solutions;
- Requests the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee to identify opportunities available to further youth participation at the Regional and National levels and recommend actions that can be taken at these levels to increase meaningful youth participation based on the Report's findings;
- Requests the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee to recommend practical models and/or guidelines which can be applied by the NSOs in the APR to empower and engage young people in decision-making;
- Requests the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee to produce a report on the findings of the surveys and discussions held within NSOs and the recommended action that can be taken in the Regional and National Level to further meaningful Youth Engagement at all levels. This Report shall be prepared by the Regional Support Centre before the commencement of the 28th Asia Pacific Conference.

06/22 Implementation of Mental Health Awareness in Youth and Adult Programmes

The Conference

- Considering that Scouting is a Movement that facilitates the spiritual development of young people through non-formal education,
- Acknowledging that adults play a supportive role to the youth,
- Being aware of the exacerbation of mental health issues by COVID-19 pandemic,

- Recognising the importance of educating youth on mental health awareness and equipping them with psychological first aid skills, including through Certification,
- Noting that partnerships with professional mental health organisations are recommended for a more credible and relevant syllabus for Mental Health programmes,
- Adopts the text contained under the *Educational Methods Strategic Priority* of the *World Triennial Plan 2021-2024* - "Promote and provide guidance to NSOs to foster the resilience, well-being and mental health of young people, Adults in Scouting and local communities, linked with our overall Safe from Harm priority";
- Strongly urges National Scout Organisations to implement Mental Health Awareness and Psychological First Aid into their respective National Youth Programme Policy and National Adults in Scouting Policy;
- Requests the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee to support National Scout Organisations with the inclusion of Mental Health Awareness into their respective National Youth Programme Policy and National Adults in Scouting Policy.

07/22 Review of the YAMG Coordinator Framework

The Conference

- equipping effective and efficient communication between Regional Youth Representatives (RYRs) and the young people they are representing, a revised YAMG Coordinator Framework shall further empower more young people to develop decision-making competencies, and strengthen youth participation among different National Scout Organizations on a Regional level.
- further noting that this stakeholders' communication linkage will serve as a definitive conduit for a more accessible and engaging relationship between National Scout Organizations on youth involvement and decision making.
- recommends the Regional Scout Committee to review and, if appropriate, revise the Young Adult Member Group (YAMG) Coordinator Framework;
- if appropriate, the revised YAMG Coordinator Framework shall have the effect of:
 1. further empowering more young people to develop decision-making competencies,
 2. strengthening youth participation among different NSOs on a Regional level, and
 3. ensuring effective and efficient communication between the RYR and the young people they are representing.
- if appropriate, the YAMG Coordinators be renamed as "RYR Coordinators", following the change of title of the Young Adult Members Group (YAMG) to Regional Youth Representatives (RYR) during the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee meeting in 2019; and
- if appropriate, requests the rebranded RYR Coordinators shall come from the pool of young people who attended the APR Scout Youth Forum, or any youth member between 18 and 26 nominated by their respective NSOs (in case the NSOs do not participate in the APR Scout Youth Forum).

This should be implemented at the start of the Triennium 2022-2025 and be reassessed by the end of the Triennium.

08/22 Re-establish the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Moot

The Conference

- further providing an avenue for experience with activities on community development, and inspiring Scouts to learn more about other Scouts across the Region.

- acknowledging an integration of skills and knowledge from Scouting which aims to suggest solutions to problems through replicable community service projects
- noting that a showcase of festivities of community development on how through various community service projects, Scouts can contribute to nation-building and sustainable goals.
- requests the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee to re-establish the consistency of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Moot ("APRSM") preferably every Triennium, and ensuring non-conflict with World Events;
- urges the Moot to have a showcase of festivities of community development in line with allowing young adults to explore and meet other Scouts in the Region with the goal to connect more NSOs;
- highly recommends the Asia-Pacific Region adopt the "*WOSM Guidelines for the Hosting of the World Scout Moot*" accordingly, and modifies if necessary, and acknowledging that the Region comprises a total of 30 NSOs;
- adopts the "*Code of Conduct for Bidders of World Scout Events*" for the bidding of the host of the APRSM. The bidding for the next Scout Moot can be done during the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference in each Triennium, and the Scout Moot shall in turn take place in the forthcoming Triennium.

This should be implemented within the 2022-2025 Triennium, and be reassessed every Triennium.

09/22 Extending Support to the existing three Sub-Regional bodies within Asia-Pacific Region

The Conference

- Acknowledging that the Asia-Pacific Region geographically covers a very wide area across the Indian Ocean, China Sea, East Sea and that of the Pacific Ocean and embodies about two-thirds of the world's Scout population. Hence the Asia-Pacific Region, since the late 1980s has found it operationally viable and feasible to organize programmes and activities on a sub-regional basis and had systems in place such as Area Commissioners in the Pacific and in India,
- Acknowledging the above reality and for all practical purposes, the Asia-Pacific Region, through one of its conference resolutions in the 1990s formally recognized and agreed to support the South Pacific Sub-Region which was then clubbed voluntarily under the name of the Council of South Pacific Scout Associations (CSPSA). Although this Sub-Regional body was a little dormant at the beginning, new initiatives were focused through some funding and through other partnerships and the regular series CSPSA Gatherings of Chief Commissioners. In addition, Management and other Training Courses were attached to these CSPSA Gatherings and these were organized regularly. These meetings were held on a rotational basis, technically hosted by different NSOs and much under the control and supervision of the Regional Support Centre, which was then called the Asia-Pacific Regional Office. These CSPSA Gatherings and formal support, technically or otherwise, continue to be extended through the Regional Support Centre based in Manila,
- Acknowledging the above developments, and while this CPSA formal mechanism continues, other Sub-Regions have emerged and have been operating for the last 10 years or so. Two additional Sub-Regional bodies have received their own recognition within two Sub-Regional Government bodies namely ASEAN Association for Regional Cooperation (ASARC) as the South Asian Association of National Scout Organizations (SAANSO). These Sub-Region bodies are established and have their own mechanism to support the work of the Sub-Region organization with its own elected Office Bearers and holding the Chairmanship of the Sub-Region on rotation,
- Acknowledging the above, the three Sub-Regional bodies, namely CSPSA, ASARC and SAANSO, jointly through this Conference Resolution:
 - Call upon the Regional Scout Committee to consider the following:

- extend all possible support-to further strengthen these Sub-Regions in co-ordination and consultation with the Chairman and Executive Committee of these Sub-Regional bodies,
- the Regional Support Centre to include in all Triennial Plans of the Regional Support Centre, programmes and activities specifically targeting the needs of these three Sub-Regions in consultation with the three Sub-Regions,
- the Regional Scout Committee members and Regional Support Centre senior staff members to make themselves available and to attend Sub-Regional activities held in these three Sub-Regions, when possible,
- the Regional Support Centre to make provision in each of the Regional Chairman and Regional Directors Triennial Reports' to highlight the interventions and support extended to these three Sub-Regions.

10/22 Nomination and Endorsement by NSOs of Sub-Committee and Task Force Members

The Conference

- Recognizing that National Scout Organizations are in the best position to determine whom within their respective NSOs should be serving in the Asia-Pacific Region's Sub-Committees and Task Forces,
- Believing that appointing members before getting the NSO's prior nomination and endorsement may be viewed as an affront to NSOs and may put the Region in a position of conflict with the NSOs,

The Conference recommends that all Sub-Committee and Task Force members be appointed only after the nomination and endorsement by their respective NSOs.

11/22 Wearing and Use of the APR Scout Badge

The Conference

- Noting that the Regional Scout logo has been used by our Region since the 1950s when we were then known as the Far East Region,
- Acknowledging that we are proud to be identified as part of our Region, and so should our Regional Scout Committee members,
- Noting the counter argument that all Regional Scout Committees should only wear the World Scout Badge to demonstrate unity,
- Believing that unity is great, but unity in diversity is what makes Scouting unique, and the reason every NSO is allowed to have their own uniform and Scout logo,
- Recognizing that we are still a one world body, the use of the Regional logo should be enhanced and not be allowed to be eradicated.

The Conference recommends that the APR Scout Badge continues to be worn by Regional Scout Committee members on the right pocket of their regional Scout uniform, and the APR Scout Badge continues to be used in all official events, functions, publicity materials and correspondence.

12/22 Regional Committee Members' ties with their NSOs

The Conference

- Acknowledging that having Regional Committee members who are actively serving in their NSOs must be seen as a strength, not a weakness,

- Believing that we should encourage rather than discourage active senior leaders in our Region to serve in the Regional Scout Committee; whilst it also helps the Regional Scout Committee to be more engaged in our NSOs,

The Conference requests that elected Regional Committee members continue to maintain strong ties with their own NSOs and shall not be required to terminate their existing positions or appointments in their NSO.

13/22 Regional Scout Committee Members' engagement in GSAT

The Conference

- Considering that as key leaders of the Region, RSC members must be actively engaged in the GSAT to have a first-hand knowledge of our NSOs, to understand their strengths and weaknesses so that they can make good recommendations and support the implementation of recommendations,
- Noting that being actively engaged also enables our RSC members to gather and share best practices among our NSOs,

The Conference recommends that Regional Scout Committee members be actively engaged in GSAT evaluations of NSOs and support the implementation of recommendations in the NSOs.

14/22 Support for the ongoing development of work for Safe from Harm

The Conference

- Noting the progress against resolution 9/18 Safe from Harm where the Asia Pacific Region helped two National Scout Organisations to establish a Safe from Harm Policy, and provided extensive training to staff, volunteers and consultants on Safe from Harm.
- Acknowledging the Constitutional Amendment to Admission of Membership section that was passed at the World Scout Conference 2021; "Demonstration that, by the quality of its leadership, *its policies and procedures* to ensure a safe environment for children, young people and adults in Scouting, the organisation of its leader training, the size of its membership and its resources, it is self-sufficient and capable of providing adequate services to its members and assuming all obligations of a Member Organisation."
- Recalling that World Scout Conference Resolution 2021-D states that National Scout Organisations have been given until 2025 to have policies and procedures in place that ensure a safe environment for children, young people and adults in Scouting, as a condition of WOSM membership.
- Requests that the Asia Pacific Region provide targeted support to the National Scout Organisations' to support the implementation of a Safe from Harm Policy and procedures to ensure a safe environment for young people, such that it complies with the regulatory laws of the country that the National Scout Organisation resides in.
- Strongly urges all National Scout Organisations in the Asia-Pacific Region to have a Safe from Harm Policy by 2025.
- Requests that the Asia Pacific Region convenes accessible conferences so that every NSO may attend to learn and share best practices for Safe from Harm.

15/22 Implementation of Listening Ear Support Network in NSOs

The Conference

- Recognising that the "Listening Ears" (LE) System which was first introduced in the 22nd World Scout Jamboree 2011 and subsequently implemented in the following two world jamborees. Albeit only used in a camp setting for psychological support previously, the LE Support Network can be expanded in the Scouting Movement's day-to-day Safe from Harm best practises and approaches,
- Considering the increasing importance of mental wellbeing among the youth and community,
- Being aware of the exacerbation of mental health issues by COVID-19 pandemic,
- Acknowledging the S.C.O.U.T. - Listening Ear Model approach from WOSM's Safe from Harm Modular Training Programme: SfH module "From Talking to Walking" and past World Scout Jamboree Listening Ear best practices,
- Requests the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee to support the development of a Listening Ear (LE) Support Network in NSOs to enhance mental health support, to promote mental health awareness and to strengthen WOSM's Safe from Harm approach;
- It is further recommended that the Listening Ear (LE) Support Network in NSOs includes initiating, supporting and overseeing the implementation of safe spaces for Scouts and providing a platform to have conversations where the LEs listen and/or offer advice through a dedicated means of communication;
- This network will serve as the first point of contact in psychological first aid which will be further supported by consultations with mental health professionals if deemed necessary.

This should be implemented by the 28th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference.

16/22 Adoption of APR Plan 2022-2025

The Conference

- Acknowledging Conference Resolution 12/18 point 3 that states "Recommends that the next Regional Triennial Plan (2021-2024) is fully aligned with the upcoming World Triennial Plan 2020-2023 in order to achieve WOSM Vision 2023"
- Recognizing the contribution of NSO leaders to the APR Plan 2022-2025 at the 10th APR Scout Leaders Summit in 2021 after reviewing the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024 and providing input for the upcoming Regional Plan.
- Acknowledging the work of APR Sub-Committees in reviewing the outcomes of the Summit and drafting the Regional Plan Objectives, KPIs, and Action Steps
- Acknowledging the various provisions in the conference resolutions of the 27th APR Scout Conference are taken care of before finalizing the APR Plan
- And further recognizing that participants of the 27th APR Scout Conference have had the opportunity to discuss the Draft Plan and raise additional recommendations.

The Conference endorses the APR Plan 2022-2025 and approves it in principle with a provision that the Regional Scout Committee takes into account the measures called upon in the various conference resolutions of the 27th APR Scout Conference including the input of the Conference Breakout Group discussions and also considers any additional input coming from NSOs until 15th March 2022.