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Herman Hui, Chairman, World Scout Committee

Decision made by the Swedish Guide and Scout Council

Dear Herman,

I am writing to you to inform you and the World Scout Committee as a whole concerning a decision made by the Executive Committee of the Swedish Guide and Scout Council made at a meeting on the 17th of October.

The Executive Committee appreciated the work expressed in a letter from a number of concerned countries to the World Scout Committee on the 15th of October concerning a number of issues relating to how the World Organization is managed and lead. The executive committee also took note of the letter sent by the Boy Scouts of America and the letter sent by the World Scout Foundation chairman Lars Kolind.

In view of this very serious criticisms the following decisions was made;

- Sweden does no longer have confidence for the Secretary General of WOSM and request his resignation.
- To instruct Johan Strid to deliver that message to the chairman of the World Scout Committee, at the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference in Tokyo.
- To instruct the bureau to suspend payments of membership fees to WOSM.
- Payment will only be made after an active decision by the Executive Committee after a review of the developments of management and governance practices of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

Sweden remains loyal to the ideals and vision of World Scouting. We believe that for World Scouting to be effective, the work and vision of the World Scout Bureau and the World Scout Committee has to change dramatically. Sweden is of course willing to contribute in any way we can to achieve these needed improvements.

Being aware of the possible consequences of a suspension of payments, we will carry on as planned with the preparations for the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden 2011. This in good faith that the World Scout Committee will take the concerns expressed in the above mentioned letters seriously and act accordingly.

Yours in Scouting,

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