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To: National Presidents, International Secretaries, Regional and Sub regional Committees, Contact persons of the Central Branch groups

Dear friends,

Time passes very quickly and again we will meet for the most important ISGF event, the World Conference.

It was with great pleasure that we all received from HIPPRADA – Indonesia, the invitation to the 28th ISGF World Conference in Bali, with the main practical details for the preparation of our participation.

Now is the turn of the official program to be debated by the Fellowships and CB groups and get their members prepared for the conference. Official documents are sent by the World Bureau.

The FORUM on 'Intercultural Dialogue' and its workshops, the amendments to the Constitution, the election of the 5 ISGF World Committee members, the World Market and the Action Times of the Fellowships are important moments that only will be possible with the full engagement of all the NSGF.

To give more visibility to this world event and especially to your Fellowship or CB group, in annex we send you a Press Release that you must use to contact the MEDIA and SPONSORS of your country.

We are sure you will have a good preparation and even if you cannot be present physically, you CAN be present by giving your proxy to another country member and be present with an Action Time (see circulars 06 and 06A).

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a very Happy New Year 2017.

Yours in Fellowship.

Mida Rodrigues
Chairman ISGF World Committee

Press Release:

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) is a world organization for adults. Based on the Scout/Guide ideals and principles, its essential purpose is to assist its members to maintain the values learned in the youth movements, to give service within their communities, to encourage continuous personal development and to support Scouting and Guiding on a world, national and local level.

ISGF is open to former members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and to adults who did not get the opportunity to be Scouts/Guides.

Established in 1953 in Luzern, Switzerland, ISGF is an independent organisation, which is in harmony and understanding with WAGGGS and WOSM.

ISGF has National Scout and Guide Fellowships (NSGF) in 63 countries and is represented in 41 other countries working towards membership.

The principles of ISGF

1. To encourage respect for life and human rights;
2. To work for justice and peace in order to create a better world;
3. To contribute to international understanding especially through friendship, tolerance and respect for others, as laid down in our aims.

The ISGF Mission

1. personally keep alive the spirit of the Promise and Law as laid down by Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of the Scout and Guide Movement, in a process of continuous personal development;
2. bring that spirit into the communities in which they live and work through active service to them;
3. actively support the WAGGGS and WOSM member organisations in these communities, in their countries and worldwide.

We are at present working with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

We also plan to increase the understanding of ecology by providing special training for members.

WAGGGS and WOSM, both having a hundred years of work with youth, were the first ecological youth associations in the world and so ISGF also wants to continue to contribute to the protection of our world.

ISGF maintains a close relationship with WAGGGS and WOSM indicated by the Joint Relationship statements. Grants are annually awarded to both Movements enabling ISGF to contribute to the educational programmes planned by these Organisations.

Whenever needed, ISGF Members can do more at local and national level by using their considerable expertise. As a member of ISGF you will be part of a family that has in common the friendship, the joy of life, the experience and the knowledge.

Thus Turning the words of the Founder of Scouting: «Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and, when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best" (Baden Powell) into actions.

The next ISGF World Conference will be held from 8th to 14th October 2017 in Bali, Indonesia, with the theme 'Hand in Hand across the World' and a Forum on the 'Intercultural Dialogue'.