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Dear Mr. Missoni,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter of 16 April 2007, inviting him to join the 21st World Scout Jamboree, between 29 July and 6 August 2007 at Hylands Park, Chelmsford; and, on the other hand, to deliver a keynote address to Scout leaders at the 38th World Scout Conference to be held in Jeju Island from 14 to 18 July 2008. I would also like to thank you for your kind words of congratulations and best wishes extended to him for his election to the helm of the United Nations Secretariat.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitations. He commends the Scout Movement for its endeavours to break barriers between races, religions, cultures and people. However, I regret to inform you that his schedule will not enable him to accept the invitations. Nevertheless, I am glad to convey his best wishes for successful events.

With thanks for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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Message to the United Nations Secretary General

Your Excellency Mr Ban Ki-moon,

In the name of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) I would like to congratulate you on your new appointment as Secretary General of the United Nations and wish you all the best in your new position.

Scouting is the largest worldwide youth movement, with WOSM being the global organisation of the individual National Scout Organisations of 155 countries. It represents more than 28 million Scouts, two-thirds of which live in developing countries. Its mission is to educate young people to play a constructive role in society and to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals.

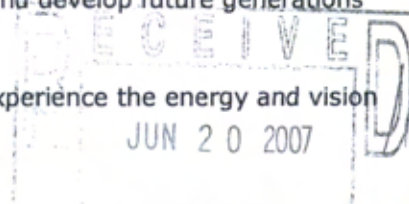
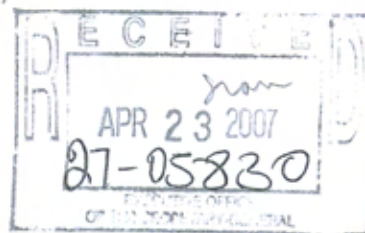
The Scout method is based on "learning by doing," "youth involvement" and "peer education" and is organised by age groups from childhood through early adulthood. The Scout Movement considers young people as not only citizens of the future, but as citizens of today. All over the world, Scout activities engage young people in working towards peace and sustainable development. In 1946, WOSM was granted ECOSOC status and since then has been continuously involved in numerous programmes, projects and initiatives with different bodies within the United Nations system.

Scouting started in 1907 with an experimental camp on Brownsea Island in the UK for 20 boys from a wide variety of social backgrounds, and today Scouting is a million times bigger. Open to all and built on friendship, it encourages diversity and involves girls and boys, women and men, from every race, religion and culture, and nearly every country in the world.

This year Scouting is celebrating its Centenary. This is an opportunity to promote the values, benefits and achievements of Scouting, and for the millions of Scouts around the world to make a real difference to the lives of others through their Centenary activities. The theme for the Centenary of Scouting is "2007: One World One Promise." Each National Scout Organisation has been asked to offer a 'Gift for Peace' during this centenary year and so far over 100 NSOs have declared their 'Gifts for Peace.' These can be viewed at www.scout.org/giftsforpeace.

Our key Centenary event will be the 21st World Scout Jamboree. From 27 July to 8 August 2007, 40,000 Scouts from all around the world will come together at Hylands Park, Chelmsford in the United Kingdom for a life-changing experience. The Jamboree will demonstrate in a practical way that it is possible for people of every nation, culture and religion to live and work together in peace. For Scouting worldwide, the Jamboree is an event that will inspire and develop future generations of leaders and will launch Scouting into its second century.

We would like to invite you to celebrate this occasion with us and experience the energy and vision of our global Movement.



WOSM and the UN have developed programmes and projects together for many years, and your presence would be a great mark of recognition of this achievement. The Jamboree would also be a wonderful opportunity for you to support the work of the UN as several organisations have already confirmed their participation in programme activities (UNICEF, UNESCO, the Millennium Campaign, UNAIDS, UNEP, UNHCR, WFP, ILO, etc.)

It would be a great pleasure to welcome you into the heart of the youth of the world where you will have the chance to meet the participants and Scout leaders. We therefore very much hope that you will join us on a date that is suitable for you, between **29 July and 6 August 2007**.

An invitation is also extended to you to deliver a key note speech to Scout leaders at the 38th World Scout Conference to be held on Jeju Island, Korea, from 14 to 18 July 2008. The World Scout Conference is the most important governing organ of WOSM and is composed of delegations of its member organisations.

It is our sincere hope that you consider these proposals and that you accept either one or both of our invitations. Your involvement in our activities will ensure that collaboration between the United Nations and the Scout Movement continues toward a fruitful future of education and peace.

Sincerely,

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Eduardo Missoni
Secretary General

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