

**ISGF**

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## **WOSM - ISGF Joint Statement**

### **1. Mission and nature of the two organizations**

WOSM and ISGF are two separate organizations based on distinctive if related purposes. Their respective missions are as follows:

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is an independent, non-political, non-governmental organization whose purpose is to foster the Scout Movement throughout the world by promoting unity and understanding of its purpose and principles, facilitating its expansion and development and maintaining its specific character. The Scout Movement is a voluntary non-political educational movement for young people whose purpose is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by the Founder. Adults are an intrinsic component of WOSM insofar as they provide direct or indirect support to young people in NSOs, according to and making use of the Scout method.

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) is a world organization for adults in support of WOSM and WAGGGS, based on the Scout/Guide ideals and principles as expressed in the Promise and Law, and open to former members of the Member Organizations of WAGGGS and WOSM and to adults who did not get the opportunity to be Scouts/Guides at an early stage or to be active Scout/Guide leaders. Its aims are to assist its members in using the values learned in the youth movements in a perspective of active support to WOSM and WAGGGS, of service within their communities and of continuous personal development. It is possible for adults who currently have a role in their own NSO/MO supporting youth members to also choose to belong to ISGF as an additional and voluntary association, provided they understand that their ISGF membership is of a totally different nature to that of being an active Scout/Guide leader.

### **2. Shared ideals**

The two organizations agree that their shared ideals provide the best foundation for their co-operation.

### **3. World Adults in Scouting Policy**

ISGF recognises that one of WOSM's essential priorities is the World Adults in Scouting Policy as a systematic programme of adult resource management to improve the effectiveness, commitment and motivation of the Scout leadership. ISGF views the role of its own adults as distinct from the role of adults within WOSM.

### **4. Status with international organizations**

Before seeking a particular status with any third party, in particular with international organizations, whether intergovernmental or nongovernmental, ISGF shall consult with WOSM and shall not proceed without WOSM's consent.

### **5. Presentation and public relations policy**

In its own presentation and public relations policy, ISGF will strive to avoid adopting terminologies, action plans or carrying out activities which would be contrary to, or compete or bring confusion of roles, responsibilities and competence with the terminologies, action plans or activities of WOSM's own bodies.

### **6. Relationship with non-recognized organizations**

ISGF, in conformity with the principle of active support to WOSM, shall endeavour, both at international and national levels, to restrict its cooperation to Scout organizations (NSOs) recognised by WOSM and avoid any formal relations with non-recognised "Scout" organizations.

### **7. Relationship with national Member Organizations**

WOSM and ISGF undertake to deal with issues that arise at national level in accordance with the principles outlined in this statement.

### **8. Structures for liaison and co-operation**

WOSM and ISGF believe that some of the provisions contained in the ISGF Constitution are important to ensure a smooth co-operation between the two organizations, especially as concerns points 3, 4, 5 and 6 above. Reference is made, in particular, to the presence of an ISGF World Committee voting member appointed by the World Scout Committee, and the need for ISGF Member Organizations (known as NSGFs) to enjoy the recognition of their respective NSOs, not only at the time of their founding but as a permanent feature. Equally important is the decision by the World Scout Committee to appoint one of its members to liaise with ISGF.

### **9. Mutual invitations**

WOSM and ISGF shall continue to exchange invitations to their World and Regional Conferences, thereby providing another channel to enhance mutual understanding and co-operation.

### **10. Support by ISGF to WOSM and NSOs**

WOSM acknowledges the support given by ISGF both at world level through its International Development Fund and at national level through various initiatives carried out by the NSGFs in co-operation with their respective NSOs.

Signed and dated:

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