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Report from the Secretary General

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Dear sisters and brothers in Scouting,

these were very intensive days. We have exchanged views, ideas, emotions, in the plenary, in the workshops, in the coffee-breaks, walking along the avenues of this beautiful Youth Centre, in the educational tour where we could also get in touch with the local Scouts, or learning about Japanese traditions enjoying the unique atmosphere of the Japanese tea ceremony.

A new committee, and its new chairman, received the baton – I hope a Peace baton - from the previous one and, with it, the responsibility to care for the development of Scouting in the Region and to promote the implementation of the Strategy defined by the World Scout Conference. We at the WSB look forward for an intensive, positive interaction with the new APR committee to ensure that NSOs receive the support they need, but also to facilitate links with other regions and to nurture the spirit of world brotherhood, and sisterhood, the spirit of unity, that represents the greatest strength of our Movement, and makes it the great Peace Movement it is.

The Scout Movement has grown for hundred years thanks to its capacity to join diversities in a wide world web of intercultural understanding and solidarity. Build bridges and breaking any kind of racial, religious, political, social, economical, gender or age barriers. It is in our Promise and in our salute the principle of helping others at all times, without asking for any return, without putting conditions. The strongest and biggest supporting the weakest and the smallest. At all times.

The newly elected chairman of the APR Scot Committee, reminded us this morning BP's thought: "I had an idea, than it became a Movement, now it risks to become just an Organization" in fact if we lose the capacity to live up to the values of Scouting, if we are not able to address the organizational challenges remaining loyal to our Scout principles, WOSM, its Regional Organizations, its member National Scout Organizations, will rapidly end up in being JUST and Organization.

Let us therefore keep tight to our Promise and Law, let's have only our flor de lys and what it represents to guide our steps toward the future. And to say it again with today's words of ur brother Binay: "We shall overcome".

Eduardo
Secretary General