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Adress of the Secretary General at the Opening Ceremony

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Dear sisters and brothers in Scouting,

at Regional as well as World level, the Scout Conference is the place to share our major concerns about the life of our Organization, to exchange our views and ideas, and take relevant decisions to orient the future of the Scout Movement. The beautiful space of this renewed International Scout Centre will surely help to create the right atmosphere.

The Arab region has played historically a very important role in pioneering the establishment of an organisation to better serve the Movement. Today in times of globalisation, collaboration between Regional and World level is essential to strengthen the Movement. May the spirit of world brotherhood, and sisterhood, that guided us for hundred years also orient our steps into the new century of Scouting.

Unity, 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.

Our Founder Baden Powell once wrote: "First I had an idea. Then I saw an ideal. Now we have a Movement, and if some of you don't watch out we shall end up with *just* an organisation." 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* an Organization.

Let be always guided by our Promise and Law, let's have only our flor de lys and what it represents to guide our steps toward the future and the decisions of this Arab Regional Conference.