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**The 9th WSPU General Assembly
13th - 14th November 2018
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Bangkok, Thailand**

**Bangkok Declaration
on Roles of the Parliament in Supporting Scout Movement towards SDGs Achievement**

We, parliamentarians and scout-oriented participants from Canada, France, Kenya, the Republic of Korea, Libya, Oman, the Philippines, Poland, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand and Tunisia, having gathered in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, for the 9th General Assembly of the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) from 13 to 14 November 2018 to discuss roles of the parliament in supporting scout movement towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

(1) Concerned by numerous and wide-ranging global development challenges which have impacts on the planet and require international cooperation to address the problems thereon;

(2) Aware that although the said development challenges affect people globally, some of which are indirectly caused by development policies themselves, there are different contexts in each region, country or territory; therefore, different development policies and priorities can be further agreed upon;

(3) Affirming global commitments to the UN resolution titled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which encompasses the 17 SDGs and stimulates favorable actions towards the people, the planet, prosperity, peace and partnership so as to tackle the said challenges;

(4) Reaffirming our pledge to the Commitment of Valparaíso, which was adopted as the outcome document of the 1st WSPU General Assembly in the Republic of Chile in 1994, with an aim to engage with young people, optimize the use of legislative instruments to promote non-formal education as well as youth-related legislation and struggle for a more equitable distribution of resources in favor of young people;

(5) Also reaffirming our commitment to the Manila Declaration, which was adopted as the outcome document of the 2nd WSPU General Assembly in the Republic of the Philippines in 1997, with an emphasis on the importance of scouting as a non-formal educational movement and its possible contribution to the socialization process of young people;

(6) Realizing that parliamentarians have a great deal of potentiality to push ahead with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the SDGs, owing not only to their representativeness but also to their duties in making laws and approving the projects of the annual national budgets;

(7) Recognizing that scouting, through its person-centered, community-related and spiritually-oriented approach, contains great potential to equip young people with readiness to confront global challenges and contribute to the progress towards many of the SDGs;

(8) Also recognizing that the WSPU, which unites scout-oriented parliamentarians from all over the world, can undertake a more proactive role to marshal knowledge and efforts of these parliamentarians along with their respective NSPAs in supporting the scout movement towards the achievement of the SDGs in their countries;

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1. We appeal to national parliaments and governments for their support on any initiative to localize, integrate or mainstream the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs, into local planning so as to address different developmental priorities and respond to the global commitments in tandem.
2. We urge closer collaboration between national parliaments and governments, along with the NSPAs and the National Scout Organizations (NSOs), as an important means to support the implementation and the follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a particular emphasis on SDGs 3, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.
3. We also urge national parliaments to support the implementation and the process to follow up and review SDG 16 on promoting just, peaceful and inclusive society, as well as support on any initiatives and works of concerned government agencies through lawmaking and budgeting.
4. We further urge national parliaments and governments as key sectors relevant to SDG 16 to ensure youth engagement and broad-based participation of stakeholders in the lawmaking, policymaking, policy implementation and budget processes for youth-related issues.
5. We encourage national parliaments to recognize the importance and support accessibility of scouting as a form of non-formal education and lifelong learning embedded in SDG 4 to empower young people.
6. We also encourage national parliaments to make efforts in promoting effective and inclusive governance for health and well-being or SDG 3, which is mutually reinforcing with all other SDGs and core to human development, particularly that of the future generations.
7. We further encourage closer collaboration among national parliaments, public and private sectors and civil society through legislation and all other feasible means, to embrace eco-friendly mindset in all aspects of activities and projects in accordance with SDGs 13, 14 and 15 to achieve the environmental sustainability and guarantee the livable planet for the future generations.
8. We call upon national parliaments to support capacity-building programs for parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, NSPAs and the general public to appreciate the potential contribution and revitalize the global partnership of scouting to the achievement of the SDGs as indicated in SDG 17.
9. We recommend that national parliaments organize and promote awareness-raising campaigns on the significance of youth engagement, especially through scouting, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the SDGs.
10. We also recommend closer cooperation both among the WSPU members and between the WSPU and the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), with an aim to facilitate the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and *inter alia* the SDGs through exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices.

Done on the 14th day of November 2018, in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand.
