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Languages

The official languages of WOSM are English and French. The World Scout Bureau will make all Conference Documents available in both languages. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Conference Document or any other official document of WOSM, the English text will prevail.

In compliance with the Draft Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the 25th European Scout Conference 2025 in Vienna, Austria, the Resolutions Committee is established for the purpose of advising and assisting Member Organizations, the European Scout Committee, and the European Scout Conference (hereinafter "the Conference") on issues related to the submission of Draft Resolutions, Amendments and Emergency Resolutions.

1. Composition

- **a.** The Resolutions Committee is composed of four to six members who are appointed in accordance with Rule 3.e of the Rules of Procedure.
- **b.** The Resolutions Committee will elect by simple majority a Chairperson from amongst its members.
- **c.** The term of the Resolutions Committee runs from the moment of provisional appointment until the closing of the Conference.

2. Functions

The functions of the Resolutions Committee are:

- a. To provide support to Member Organizations in drafting Resolutions and Amendments as well as facilitating discussion on them prior to and during the Conference
 - a) To assist Member Organizations in drafting resolutions to ensure that Draft Resolutions, proposals for Amendments and draft Emergency Resolutions comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines.
 - b) To encourage discussion and debate, notably via on-line discussion tools, among Member Organizations and the European Scout Committee concerning Draft Resolutions. The intention of the discussion is to increase understanding, building consensus on proposals, and encouraging any appropriate Amendments to be submitted in advance of the Conference.
 - c) To work with the World Scout Bureau Europe Support Centre (WSB) to ensure that all proposals are translated into English and French and made available to Member Organizations on the conference website.

b. To deliver a report to the Conference

The report will include all Draft Resolutions, proposals for Amendments and draft Emergency Resolutions submitted to the Resolutions Committee, in their final form, which have not been subsequently withdrawn by the proposer.

The report will be split into four sections:

- a) Draft Resolutions, proposals for Amendments and draft Emergency Resolutions which comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines. These will be put to the Conference for its consideration.
- b) Draft Resolutions, proposals for Amendments and draft Emergency Resolutions which do not comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines will not be recommended by the Resolutions Committee for consideration by the Conference.
 - The Resolutions Committee will inform the Conference of proposals which do not comply with the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines. The Conference will vote whether or not it wishes to consider them.
- c) Draft Resolutions consolidated by the Resolutions Committee which are consensual in nature, do not

propose new policies nor request specific actions by the World Scout Committee or Member Organizations, and which it considers might be more effectively considered by the Conference by "declaration" or another form of endorsement by the Conference.

d) Draft Resolutions of courtesy, congratulations and condolence, as well as messages of good wishes.

c. Other functions of the Resolutions Committee

- To issue, when requested so by the Conference Chairperson, an opinion whether or not an Amendment to a proposal circulated in accordance with Rules 6 b and 6.1 b of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference represents an intermediate position between the Draft Resolution and the current position or policy.
- 2. To group proposals from a Select Committee for voting purposes prior to resumption of the subject in Plenary Session.

3. Working Methods

- a. The Resolutions Committee meets at the Conference and conducts its business in advance of the Conference by electronic correspondence and other available means as needed.
- b. The Rules of Procedure, as approved by the Conference, govern the functioning of the Resolutions Committee.
- c. The Resolutions Committee will ensure through its support that all proposals are concise, relevant, in plain language, and easy to understand.
- d. The Resolutions Committee will take decisions by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the motion shall be considered defeated. The Chairperson will have no casting vote.
- e. The World Scout Bureau Europe Support Centre (WSB) will provide support staff to the Resolutions Committee so it can fulfil its functions and duties.

