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**Declaration of the Board of Directors of The Scouting and Guiding Federation of Turkey**

Dear Hasan

We are writing in response to your email of 31 May 2010 regarding the position of the Board of Directors of the Scouting and Guiding Federation of Turkey.

The European Scout Committee, on behalf of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, affirms that Scouting is an educational movement and emphasises that the mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a values system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

By utilising the power of non-formal education, facilitating their development as self-reliant, supportive, responsible and committed citizens, Scouting assists young people in developing their own value system based on the Scout Promise and Law.

We encourage young people to be informed about the world in which they live and as educators we should facilitate dialogue to help in understanding.

It is unfortunate that the Board of Directors of the Scouting and Guiding Federation of Turkey have chosen to sever links with the Israeli Boy and Girl Scouts Federation. All Member Organizations of the World Organization of the Scout Movement subscribe to the principles set out above.

There are many seemingly insurmountable problems in all corners of the globe, but Scouts and Guides have often been facilitators of dialogue for peace and reconciliation, bringing individuals and communities together, developing understanding and cooperation. This is our educational mission in an often troubled world and we would urge constructive dialogue between all our Member Organizations.

We hope that the Board of Directors will reconsider its position and re-establish links with its brothers and sisters in Israel, and take steps to demonstrate that through our Movement, we can create a better world.

Yours sincerely

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