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CURAÇAO

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The island of Curaçao was part of the Netherlands Antilles. The constellation “Netherlands Antilles” no longer exists since October 2010 and there is a new Government for the new country Curacao with new commissioners and a new Prime Minister.

The Netherlands Antilles has been dissolved. Curaçao continues as an independent country, and remains autonomous in the Netherlands Kingdom.

Due to the political change, the organization has had to change their name from “Padvindstersvereniging v/d Nederlandse Antillen” into “Asosiashon di Guia PNA” abbreviated to AGPNA.

The name change was approved during the Association’s general meeting, with all the members, in May 2011 and the new name was used unofficially at the 34th World Conference. Ratification is now sought from WAGGGS’ Members.

(Full Member vote, two-thirds majority required)

PROPOSED MOTION

That the change of entity of ‘Padvindstersvereniging v/d Nederlandse Antillen’ to ‘Asosiashon di Guia PNA’, be ratified by the 35th World Conference.

SOUTH SUDAN

Change of Entity and admission into full membership

The Constitutions Committee in 2013 recommended that the South Sudan Girl Guides Association apply for full membership of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts through a change of entity following the partition of Sudan in 2011. This was the most appropriate way, within WAGGGS’ Constitution and Bye-Laws and policies, in order to recognise the new Association, based on the history of the organization.

The territories of modern South Sudan and the Republic of Sudan were occupied by Egypt under the Muhammad Ali Dynasty, and later governed as an Anglo-Egyptian condominium until Sudanese independence was achieved in 1956. Following the First Sudanese Civil War, the Southern Sudan Autonomous Region was formed in 1972 and lasted until 1983.

A second Sudanese civil war soon developed and ended with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2005. Later that year, southern autonomy was restored when an Autonomous Government of Southern Sudan was formed. A referendum on independence for Southern Sudan was held from January 9–15, 2011 and Southern Sudan became an independent country on July 9, 2011.

Since the Addis Ababa Agreement in 1972, giving Southern Sudan regional autonomy the Association’s leadership had been structured around Regional Commissioners reporting to the headquarters of the Sudan Girl Guide Association in Khartoum.

After the signing of the Peace Agreement in 2005 and the Declaration of Independence on 9th July 2011, the Girl Guides of South Sudan became fully



independent from Khartoum and applied to become part of the WAGGGS Africa Region.

Still based on the same structure but operating independently in a separate nation reporting to Juba, the South Sudan Girl Guide Association is therefore applying for the new entity to be recognised as a Full Member of WAGGGS.

(Full Member vote, two-thirds majority required)

PROPOSED MOTION

That the Change of Entity of the South Sudan Regional Branch of the Sudan Girl Guides Association to 'South Sudan Girl Guides Association' be ratified by the 35th World Conference, and that the South Sudan Girl Guides Association is recognised therefore as a Full Member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

SWEDEN **Change of Entity**

In 2011 the Swedish Guide and Scout Council informed WAGGGS that they had started a process to change the status of the federation into one association which would host the existing component associations following consultation with these associations. The rationale was that the components worked so closely together that merging into a single structure would streamline and facilitate the management of activities and general administration. The first formal step was taken at the annual meeting of the Swedish Guide and Scout Council in 2010 where the members (five national associations) agreed to start working towards this new organization.

Through 2011 until early 2012, the individual associations put the proposal through their internal decision-making bodies and a governance process was put in place to gradually migrate the work in progress and all the governance functions from the old federation to the new organization. A minimum of services were maintained to close down operations as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The first Annual Meeting of the new structure took place in November 2012.

The new structure allows the organization to focus their resources on the joint work. All 70,000 guides and scouts belong to the same national organization and have democratic rights to directly influence that organization. However the former 'component associations' are able to have a collaborative relationship with other associations close to their ideology where they receive good support in their specialized fields –Christian Scouts, Temperance Scouts, YWCA-YMCA.

(Full Member vote, two-thirds majority required)

PROPOSED MOTION

That the Change of Entity of Svenska Scoutrådet (The Swedish Guide and Scout Council) into a new association Scouterna (Guides and Scouts of Sweden) be ratified by the 35th World Conference.