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Dear All,

As you are aware, the world has drastically changed in the last three months and will continue to change and adapt along with the COVID-19 Virus.

Ireland, like much of the world is currently in a lockdown situation; travel is restricted, social distancing is required, and services and activities are suspended due to the global pandemic. We are hoping that over time these measures will be relaxed but at this stage, changes to this situation are very difficult to predict, not only in Ireland but across the globe.

Unfortunately, the 16th World Scout Moot is not immune to these changes. And because of this, the Moot Planning Team have been following the advice of our government and have been engaging with WOSM, Scouting Ireland, and other key stakeholders in regard to the future of the Moot.

Following a lengthy review of the ongoing challenges and risks we are all encountering, The Moot Planning Team and Scouting Ireland made a recommendation to WOSM that the 16th World Scout Moot should be postponed for one year, to take place in 2022 instead of 2021.

The restrictions on large gatherings have resulted in many events planned for this year (2020) being postponed or cancelled. This includes many Scouting events across the globe.

We are also aware that the cost to attend world events is significant, and our aim is to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend the 16th World Scout Moot. We want to give everyone time to recover financially, which has been another key factor in our recommendation to postpone the event to 2022.

Ultimately, we want to be able to guarantee the safety and wellbeing of all our attendees. If we are to continue in a world where COVID-19 is ever present, The Moot Planning Team will need time to re-evaluate many aspects of the Moot in order to provide the best and safest experience possible.

The World Scout Committee (WSC) considered the impact of the current COVID-19 worldwide health crisis on WOSM's calendar of events, including on the organisation of the 16th World Scout Moot (currently scheduled for 19 July to 29 July 2021), and voted unanimously to postpone the event to similar dates in 2022.

Please be aware that this decision has not been taken lightly, we fully understand that this will be a disappointment to some, but the safety of everyone and enjoyment of the event are of paramount importance to us. We hope that you understand the reasons behind this decision, and we look forward to welcoming you all to Ireland in 2022.

Please click here for a [link to our FAQs](#). If you have any questions that are not covered by the FAQs, please direct them towards your Contingent Management Team and the Moot will support them in answering any questions.

Yours in Scouting,

16th World Scout Moot Planning Team

