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**Statement of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) on Agenda Item 4.3 of the 24th Session of the Working Group on the Right to Development (Arts 1-3)**

1. Mr Chairperson, your excellencies and distinguished delegates, thank you for the floor.
2. We would like to take this opportunity to focus on the general principles contained in Art. 3 of the draft convention.
3. The World Organization of the Scout Movement believe that the principles governing the Convention are generally well formulated and reflect those principles that ought to govern the right to development. However, we feel that there could be a better attempt to highlight the role of these principles through the course of the Convention and their interrelation to one another.
4. For this reason, we believe that it is important to consider the role of the right to regulate, contained in paragraph Art. 3 (h), in light of the other principles contained in Art. 3. We feel it is important that when this is viewed in light of the other principles, that a formulation should be adopted that recognizes the duties that States owe to engage individuals, groups and peoples to meaningfully participate in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of regulatory and policy frameworks, as is their right under international human rights law. For this reason, we would recommend the addition of “and with their meaningful participation” directly after “on behalf of the rights holders”. This would take a considerable step to emphasizing the important role that rights holders have in enumerating development priorities.
5. We believe that this addition will inevitably contribute to the rights of young people. It is through participation that the other rights of individuals, groups and peoples can be guaranteed. It is for these reasons that the World Organization of the Scout Movement believe that it is important to consider the right to participate, when setting out the right of States to regulate.