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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 16-18)**

1. Mr Chairperson, your excellencies and distinguished delegates, thank you for the opportunity.
2. I spoke earlier, on behalf of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, on the importance of including a specific article on young people and development. This is something that we have substantiated considerably in our written submissions. For this reason we will not expand on this more thoroughly here other than to reiterate the importance of such an article to ensure that the specific importance of the rights for young people are considered in the text of the convention.
3. Turning to Art. 16 of the draft convention, so long as the formulation of this article remains, we would urge that the formulation of Art. 16 para (2)(g) be revisited. Currently many of the sub-paragraphs, in the draft Art. 16, are addressed to women and girls. One notable exception to this is Art. 16(2)(g) of the draft convention. We believe it is important to consider the intersections and complimentary nature of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda and the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda for girls and young women. We therefore feel it is important to include “and girls” in sub-paragraph (g) after “women” and prior to “in the prevention and resolution of armed conflict”, to align sub-paragraph (g) with the structure of the other sub-paragraphs in Art. 16(2) of the Draft Convention.