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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 4-7)**

1. Mr Chairperson, your excellencies and distinguished delegates, thank you for this opportunity.
2. We would like to take this opportunity to focus on Art. 4 of the draft convention, on the right to development.
3. In light of the general principles, the World Organization of the Scout Movement believe that the formulation of the right to development ought to explicitly recognize the rights of individuals to choose the way in which they enjoy the right to development.
4. For this reason, we would suggest the addition of “as they so choose” to Art 4 para 1 directly after “entitled” though preceding “to participate in”, this would act to strengthen the individuals and peoples in defining the way in which development is realized in their lives. This addition would more closely align the definition of the right to development with the general principles set out in Art. 3 of the draft convention.
5. We would also suggest, for similar reasons, the addition of a second sentence to Art 4 para 2 that reads: “This includes the right of individuals, groups and peoples to participate in decision-making processes that affect their full enjoyment of the right to development.”
6. We believe both of these contributions highlight the person-centered approach to development and the importance of empowering individuals, alone and in community with others, to participate in defining the way in which development is realized in their lives and their communities. It is in codifying the right to development in a legally binding document that we believe it is important to stress the procedural elements of such a right.