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PROPOSED BY THE EUROPEAN SCOUT COMMITTEE

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The European Scout Committee proposes that the 24th European Scout Conference (2022) adopt the following Draft Emergency Resolution.

A brief explanation, the text of the Draft Emergency Resolution and background information are included in the Conference Document to provide Member Organisations with the required information to facilitate discussions before a decision is made by the Conference during a voting session at the Conference.

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24ESC-E01 – Humanitarian Crisis in Europe

Background

The European Scout Conference is alarmed by the humanitarian situation resulting from the ongoing war against Ukraine and is aware of the difficult humanitarian situation in Ukraine and neighbouring countries.

The European Scout Conference is concerned about the alarming humanitarian situation and condemns human rights violations, restrictions on the freedom of movement, and blocked humanitarian and medical access in occupied territories of Ukraine. More than 7 million refugees, most of them being kids, young people, and women, have fled Ukraine in recent months to find shelter in European countries, and many millions of civilians are still left to suffer the consequences of the war in Ukraine.

Due to the continuously changing developments in Ukraine and neighbouring countries an emergency resolution shall be presented to Conference, outlining the European Scout Region's response to the crisis. It would not have been possible to capture the current situation by the deadline for ordinary resolutions. Therefore, and in line with art 6.5 of the Rules of Procedure of the 24th European Scout Conference, the European Scout Committee presents the present draft resolution as an emergency resolution.

Content proposal: 24ESC-E01 (2022) Humanitarian Crisis in Europe (Draft Emergency Resolution 01)

The 24th European Scout Conference,

- *Recalling* World Scout Conference Resolution 2021-10 - Leadership in Peace and World Scouting commitment to implementing UN's Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda,
- *Recognising* the amazing work done by our Member Organisations in the continuous response to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine,
- *Building* on the World Organisation of the Scout Movement's partnership with UNICEF to support refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine and the UAct initiative,
- *Stressing* the importance of education for young people in promoting peace,
- *Reaffirming* the importance of non-formal education as expressed in the Rio Declaration on Non-Formal Education,
- *Remembering* that the subject of peace and peace education has been of constant concern for Scouting and that the Scouting and Guiding Movements are two of the largest peace organisations in the world, bringing millions of children and young people together in fellowship regardless of ethnicity, class, language, or religion, and
- *Strengthening* the support and solidarity with Ukraine and the Eurasian Scout Region

Asks the European Scout Committee,

- **To continue to monitor** the humanitarian situation in the Region,
- **To continue to coordinate and support** efforts by Member Organisations in offering help to refugees through the delivery of frontline support, integration, and educational methods,
- **To continue to support** Member Organisations in accessing relevant funds to finance their efforts,
- **To promote** partnerships with civil society organisations across the Region that will further support relief and support efforts,
- **To promote and increase** the visibility of the WOSM Service on Scouting and Humanitarian action across the Region,
- **To create and support** networking opportunities for the Member Organisations of the European and Eurasia Scout Regions, where joint projects and initiatives will be created to support the humanitarian response and the resilience of the Member Organisations affected by the war,

- **To support** Member Organisations to create spaces that encourage the development and implementation of peace educational programmes, through Regional Dialogue for Peace initiatives and platforms, and
- **To continue to implement** the UAct initiative together with UNICEF and Member Organisations.

Proposed by: European Scout Committee



Background Information Document

Prepared by the World Scout Bureau Europe Support Centre

Draft Emergency Resolution title:	Humanitarian Crisis in Europe
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Policy Implications

There is no anticipation that the resolution will influence or change any regional policy.

Historical Background

To this day, over 7 million people have left Ukraine to escape the escalating violence and destruction, leaving their lives and possessions behind them. The refugee population is 90% made up of women and children.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), together with UNICEF, launched a regional cooperation agreement for the humanitarian response to the large-scale exodus of people ignited by the war in Ukraine. Joint activities are aimed at addressing the urgent needs of refugee women and children through the potential of youth engagement for humanitarian action in Poland, Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Czechia, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Ukraine, where refugees are inpouring – either to stay or to transit to third countries. The intervention will initially focus on addressing the impending needs of refugees. Activities will include providing critical and life-saving information to women and children after their arrival, relocation, or settlement. The existing strength of Scouting in promoting wellbeing will be excellently facilitated here in empowering and supporting young people to feel safe and supported in their new communities and equip them with the skills they need to navigate the coming period of their lives.

Resource Implications

The implementation of the actions proposed with the resolution will be supported by the WOSM - UNICEF partnership through the UAct project. The aim of this project is to leverage a universal youth engagement platform by mobilizing and orienting scout volunteers to support cross-sectoral response to the Ukraine refugee crisis through the delivery of frontline support, integration, and educational methods.

Additional resources will be mobilized through the regional core funding for the WOSM Services.

Human	Financial (in USD)
Volunteers: 6 WOSM Consultants	Humanitarian response through the UAct Project: USD 3'334'815 WOSM Services consultancies and coordination: USD 2'100
Staff: 3 World Scout Bureau Europe Support Centre staff – 0.10 to 0.20 FTE	
External Resources (experts, trainers, consultants, etc.): 5 consultants to support the UAct Project: Project and Programme Officers (2.00 FTE) Finance, Communications Officers (1.00 FTE) Administrative Assistant (0.50 FTE)	

