



COMMITMENT OF VALPARAISO

Upon the celebration of the First General Assembly of the World Scout Parliamentary Union held in Santiago and Valparaiso ; taking into consideration the special meeting that took place at the Plenary Hall at the National Congress, Wednesday, January 19, 1994; acknowledging the contribution made by the young people to building a fairer and more humane country and considering the outstanding tasks that remain to be worked upon with them, the parliamentarians who subscribe the following document happily welcome the youth frankness when expressing their needs, concerns and dreams, and acknowledge the challenges stated by their expectations. Consequently, they commit themselves:

First: To make their best effort in order to establish a permanent dialogue with young people and their organizations, listening from themselves what they have to tell them and approaching them to their parliamentary work.

Second: To emphasize legislative issues that affect them, especially those concerned with education, health, employment and environmental protection.

Third: To legislate for the promotion towards an organized participation of young people and the supports given to local and national organizations in which they come together.

Fourth: To promote non-formal education and legislate in favor of its development as an integral part of the overall educational process.

Fifth: To endeavor so that, making use of all the available legislative instruments, youth policies become a state issue in order to assign the required importance, resources and stability to them; and

Sixth: To struggle for a more equitable distribution of resources in favor of young people, their most representative organizations and state organizations responsible for applying the policies that affect them.

Santiago, 19 January, 1994