

Dear Scouts,

we gathered here in the name of Peace, but we all know that we are living difficult times.

Competition and not cooperation is driving today's world.

World resources are concentrated in a limited percentage of the population, while millions of children still go to bed hungry, suffer of diseases that could easily be prevented and have no access to school **because of their economical conditions.**

Natural resource are irresponsibly exploited with irreparable environmental consequences, that seriously put at risk the life conditions of future generations.

Intolerance, social unrest and armed conflicts are shaking the world.

But we want to build Peace and as Scouts we know that there is no impossible mission.

Let's "Be prepared"! Let's face the challenge and make the difference.

Every Jamboree is a unique experience offered to Scouts to reinforce their world brotherhood, gain new energy to face the challenge and reaffirm the role of the Scout Movement as a social force committed to build throughout the world a culture of Peace.

Thanks to the support of His Majesty, **the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques** King Abdullah **bin Abdulaziz Al Saud at national, Arab and world level**, and the special effort of our brothers of the International Union of Muslim Scouts **and the Saudi Arabia Scout Association**, a great opportunity is offered to the participants to this Jamboree to launch a strong message in the right direction.

Dear brothers and sisters, don't miss this opportunity, share your ideas, your experience, your projects and your commitment with Scouts from different countries. Explore and discover the beauty and values of other cultures, make an effort to understand their history. Be open to each other's views and prepared to overcome differences and conflict with tolerance and goodwill.

A Scout is a brother and sister to every other Scout and friend to everybody, wherever he or she comes, what ever his or her beliefs, whatever the colour of his or her skin, whatever his or her social class, whatever his or her condition. Only respecting and helping others at all times we will be able to build Peace there where today is suffering, conflict and war.

You are part of biggest youth Movement in the world, a Movement of millions of girls and boys, women and men of different ages, all sharing the same Scout Promise and concretely engaged to create a better world.

Every single Scout, living up to his or her Promise and the Scout law can make the difference and leave the world a little better than he or she found it.

Let us send from here a strong message of Peace to the whole world and may your voice be clearly heard everywhere.