Reports From Around the World

25th World Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts



«Participation, Development, Peace». This is the theme of the United Nations International Year of Youth in 1985. By adding «Engagement», we have the theme of the 25th World Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS); which took place from the 17th to the 26th of July 1984 at Marymount College at Tarrytown, New York.

Participants representing the National Organization of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts of Lebanon were: Mrs. Mona Torbey, Mrs. Hoda Salamoun Ghorra, and Miss Malou Kerlakian.

The World Conference, which meets every three years in a different part of the world determines the general politics of WAGGGS which is composed of 104 organisations with more than 8,3 million members.

The 25th World Conference fixed the plan to

follow for the next three years and provided a forum at which experiences and information in the developmental field were exchanged.

It also studied the affiliation of new member organizations: The United Arab Emirates was recognized as an Associate Member of the World Association. The Bahrain Girl Guides Association as well as the Associations of Botswana, Ecuador, Nepal and Uganda were recognized as full members this year.

Four new members of the World Committee (12 members) were elected, among them Mrs. Hoda Salamoun Ghorra of Lebanon. Moreover, the conference discussed «World Problems» concerning technology, the social and physical aspects of population increase. need the for mutual comprehension and World Peace, problems of communication and work with migrants and refugees.

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