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Subject:
Church of Scientology

To: The Heads of the
National Central Bureaus

From: The Secretary General

I recently met with Mr David Miscavige, President of the Church of Scientology's Religious Technology Center, who had asked for an appointment to see me.

The meeting took place in the presence of the Church of Scientology's lawyer and followed the decision taken by the United States Internal Revenue Service to exempt the Church of Scientology and its related churches and charitable organizations from federal income tax in the United States.

This exemption decision was taken on the ground that the United States Internal Revenue Service has accepted that the Church of Scientology and its related organizations are "organized and operated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes and that no part of their net earning inures to the benefit of any private individual".

A copy of the decision, sent to us by the United States NCB, is enclosed.

Mr Miscavige had expressed his wish to have constructive talks aimed at resolving the disputes which had previously existed between the Church of Scientology and Interpol.

I drew attention to the general rules on which Interpol's functioning is based, and explained that international police co-operation through Interpol is founded on the following fundamental principles:

- Respect for national sovereignty: Member States act within their own national boundaries and in accordance with their own national laws;

Enforcement of ordinary criminal law: The Organization's field of activity is limited to crime prevention and law enforcement in connection with ordinary criminal offences, in accordance with Article 3 of its Constitution;

- Equality of all Member States: All the Organization's Member States are provided with the same services and have the same rights.

I also emphasized that it does not fall within the scope of the General Secretariat's powers to investigate the Church of Scientology, since the General Secretariat's function is solely to centralize information and ensure co-ordination with the NCBS.

As a demonstration of my good will, and in an effort to settle the various disputes between the Church of Scientology and Interpol, I agreed to circulate the decision taken by the Internal Revenue Service, although that decision obviously only applies in the United States.

Mr Miscavige also asked me to send you the following:

- A copy of the document entitled "Description of the Scientology Religion", which was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service,
- A copy of a book entitled "What is Scientology?" which, according to the Church of Scientology, is the absolute reference work on its doctrines.

I consider that the above documents, could be of interest to the NCBS for information purposes. Our sending you copies of them does not in any way imply that the General Secretariat has taken a position on the subject.

Since our meeting, Mr Miscavige has informed me that he has made it known to all the Churches of Scientology that there are no further disputes between the Church and Interpol.

R.E. Kendall
Secretary General

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