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Statement from the Board of Directors of Scouting Ireland

The Board of Scouting Ireland welcomes the decision of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Katherine Zappone, to provide funding to Scouting Ireland up to the end of April 2019.

The restoration of this funding is vital to Scouting Ireland and will allow us to continue to provide support to our 13,500 adult volunteers who facilitate our 40,000 youth members in over 500 communities across the island of Ireland.

The Board of Scouting Ireland would like to thank Minister Zappone for today's decision and for her continued interest in, and goodwill towards Scouting Ireland. The Board will continue to work with the Minister and her officials in the months ahead keeping the Department fully informed on our governance reforms and safeguarding measures.

Scouting Ireland is currently implementing the recommendations set out in Ms Jillian van Turnhout's report. A number of the recommendations have been completed or are in progress and, as requested by Minister Zappone, the Board will submit a progress report to the Minister by 31 March 2019. The Board is also committed to ensuring that the organisation will provide a safe and supportive environment to facilitate the personal development of our 40,000 youth members.

Scouting has been a part of the fabric of community life in Ireland for over 110 years. It provides a unique opportunity for young people to grow, to be active, to explore, to take the lead, to develop life skills and to be part of a worldwide community of over 30 million fellow scouts. While recent months have proved to be challenging times for Scouting Ireland, the new Board is committed to ensuring that the organisation will continue to provide a safe and supportive environment to facilitate the personal development of the 40,000 youth members in line with, and indeed exceeding best practices within the not-for-profit and youth work sectors.

Moreover, we promise to do our best to re-establish any trust lost in Scouting Ireland and will work closely with our staff, our many volunteers and with all external stakeholders to this end.

Yours in Scouting,

The Board of Directors of Scouting Ireland

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