

RESOLUTION 19R-28

To request the Trustees to consider including environmental justice as the seventh criterion in the definition of sustainability

Proposer(s): District 1980, Switzerland

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1 WHEREAS, Rotary’s goal is to achieve long-term positive impact through
2 humanitarian projects, and

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4 WHEREAS, the reputation of the organization is dependent upon the outcome of
5 these projects, and

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7 WHEREAS, local solutions, local responsibility, local training, local procurement,
8 local sponsors, and measurement of success are already factored into the long-
9 term positive impact that is to be achieved by the project, and

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11 WHEREAS, compliance with these criteria is already assumed in the guidelines
12 for global grants, and

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14 WHEREAS, these projects only bring long-term benefits if they are
15 environmentally sustainable

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17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
18 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
19 include environmental justice as the seventh criterion in the definition of
20 sustainability for projects.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

21 The expansion of criteria is not intended to call for extensive additional expertise,
22 but to address the environmental impacts within the framework of the
23 community assessment. In a large number of projects, this makes it possible to
24 assess the positive effects. If there is a risk of negative environmental impacts,
25 these can be identified at an early stage and avoided, which increases the positive
26 effects of the projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.