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

**Endorsed by:** District 1980 through an annual district conference, Baden, Switzerland, 14 June 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

(End of Text)

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

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

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