

# RESOLUTION 24R-16

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a committee, specialized in peace, to develop standardized programs to be used worldwide in education

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of La Unión, District 4975, Uruguay

1 WHEREAS, one of Rotary’s areas of focus is peacebuilding and conflict  
2 prevention, and

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4 WHEREAS, as a principle, RI rejects violence as a way of life and undertakes  
5 projects to foster understanding and strengthen the capacity of communities to  
6 resolve conflicts, and this focus upon peace is a cornerstone of its mission, and

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8 WHEREAS, Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than one thousand scholars  
9 to become effective catalysts for peace through their careers in government,  
10 education, and international organizations, and

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12 WHEREAS, Rotary’s work in fighting disease with its flagship End Polio Now  
13 campaign, providing safe water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers  
14 and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly creates  
15 the optimal conditions for peaceful societies, as do programs such as  
16 Empowering Girls, and

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18 WHEREAS, despite of all these efforts, they have not been sufficient to prevent,  
19 or much less stop, armed conflicts and other forms of violence, and new efforts  
20 can still be made in order to achieve the desired objective

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22 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
23 International consider establishing a committee, specialized in peace, to develop  
24 standardized programs to be used worldwide in education for all age groups, and  
25 at all educational levels, through strategic alliances with public and/or private  
26 educational institutions and international organizations, in order to create a true  
27 culture of peace.

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## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 The purpose of this resolution is to reaffirm Rotary’s peacebuilding efforts  
29 through the extension of its Peace Centers in order to join forces with the United  
30 Nations, UNICEF, and UNESCO, and to establish strategic alliances with public  
31 and/or private educational institutions. It will also transform families and society  
32 as a whole into agents of peace through standardized global programs in  
33 educational centers.

1 The ultimate goal is for new generations to be born, grow up, and develop in an  
2 environment of peace, free of war and any other form of violence.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

3 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI.  
4 Committee costs are primarily driven by meeting expenses and staff support.  
5 Actual meeting expenses for a six-member committee would be nominal for a  
6 virtual meeting, or approximately US\$22,800 for an in-person meeting, mainly  
7 for airfare, hotel, and meals. The related indirect cost for additional time  
8 provided by existing staff to support the committee is estimated at US\$33,000.