

RESOLUTION 21R-16

To request the RI Board to consider setting an upper age limit of 35 for membership in a Rotaract club

Proposer(s): District 1970, Portugal

1 WHEREAS, Rotaract clubs have been admitted into RI membership, the
2 same as Rotary clubs, and

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4 WHEREAS, this move was taken primarily as a means of attracting younger
5 people to Rotary, and of improving their levels of membership retention within
6 the organization, as well as to foster new ideas and service projects, and

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8 WHEREAS, this should in no way be interpreted as diminishing the value of
9 Rotary clubs, and

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11 WHEREAS, it is important to have clubs that are diversified by age as well as by
12 profession, race, gender, or other systems of classification

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider setting an upper age limit of 35 for membership in a
16 Rotaract club.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 The purpose of this resolution is to prevent Rotaract club membership from
18 following similar trends of Rotary clubs, where there are few young members and
19 limited diversity within a club.

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21 Setting an age limit of 35 for Rotaract club membership will provide young adults
22 with additional time to develop in their professional lives, as well as deepen their
23 connection with Rotary, thus making it more likely that they will transition
24 voluntarily, and with little difficulty, into full Rotary club membership.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
26 Per a January 2020 decision, the RI Board provided that a Rotaract club may, but
27 is not required to, set an age limit if the club receives the approval of its members
28 and its sponsor club (if applicable).