

# RESOLUTION 24R-18

To request the RI Board to consider maintaining a firm position on the prohibition of political subjects by RI

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Tokyo Ochanomizu, District 2580, Japan

1 WHEREAS, Article 14, Section 3(a) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution states  
2 that a Rotary club “shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions and  
3 shall not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political  
4 nature,” and

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6 WHEREAS, this prohibition of political subjects should, of course, also be applied  
7 to RI, which is an association of Rotary clubs, and

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9 WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the day after Russia invaded Ukraine, RI  
10 released a statement on My Rotary regarding the situation in Ukraine on behalf of  
11 Rotary International, and

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13 WHEREAS, this statement violates the above provision as it clearly deals with a  
14 political subject

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16 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
17 International consider maintaining a firm position on the prohibition of political  
18 subjects by RI.

End of Text)

## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

19 The intent of this proposed resolution is neither to comment on the relative  
20 merits of the statement made by RI nor to take a particular side in this issue.

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22 The statement clearly violates the provision prohibiting comment by RI on  
23 subjects of a political nature and is therefore also in violation of the constitutional  
24 documents. It is, quite simply, a question of organizational management.

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26 This resolution would allow reliable Board operation in accordance with the  
27 constitutional documents of RI.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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