

# RESOLUTION 24R-20

To request the RI Board to consider the addition of a fifth question to The Four-Way Test: “Is it respectful of the environment?”

**Proposer(s):** District 2150, Belgium

1 WHEREAS, Rotary has formally added environmental sustainability as its  
2 seventh area of focus, and

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4 WHEREAS, respect for the environment, whether explicit or implied, is included  
5 in every project undertaken by a club and its members, and

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7 WHEREAS, the environment is a subject of great concern throughout the world,  
8 and

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10 WHEREAS, any project undertaken by a club, district, or RI should satisfy the  
11 criteria of The Four-Way Test

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13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
14 International consider the addition of a fifth question to The Four-Way Test: “Is  
15 it respectful of the environment?”

(End of Text)

## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

16 During an environmentally-focused meeting in January 2024, District 2150  
17 solicited proposals from clubs and Rotary members regarding respect for the  
18 environment. One participant, supported by the members who attended the  
19 meeting and represented most clubs in the district, about 100 in all, proposed the  
20 addition of a fifth question to The Four-Way Test, namely, “Is it respectful of the  
21 environment?”

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23 This addition would focus a club’s attention on the importance of environmental  
24 stewardship every time the club and its members are developing a specific project  
25 and would allow them to make any necessary changes.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

26 If implemented, this resolution would have a significant financial impact on RI  
27 which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope  
28 and extent of support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.