

RESOLUTION 21R-21

To request the RI Board to consider setting environmental goals for the organization

Proposer(s): District 2400, Sweden

1 WHEREAS, the pollution of the environment concerns us all. Rotary as an
2 organization ought to act as it prescribes. We must be trustworthy, and

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4 WHEREAS, many Rotarians concern themselves with environmental issues and
5 are keen on taking measures to protect the environment, and

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7 WHEREAS, pollution is a global problem whose solution depends upon the
8 contribution of every individual, and

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10 WHEREAS, environmental sustainability has been added as a new area of focus

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12 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
13 International consider setting the following environmental goals:

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- 15 • Goal 1: Only hold International Conventions in person once every three
16 years to reduce pollution produced by air travel.
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 - 18 • Goal 2: Implement a travel policy that provides for direct flights to
19 international meetings, rather than the current rule requiring the
20 'cheapest' way. For example, travelling from Europe to the US may require
21 changing planes several times in Europe and in the US before reaching the
22 final city.
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 - 24 • Goal 3: End the practice of an annual Rotary theme, to save material,
25 plastic, etc. Keep "Service above self" as the theme every year.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

26 Rotary should serve as a model for both Rotarians and Rotaractors, whether
27 newer or more established members. All people who are committed to a
28 sustainable future will consider Rotary to be an ideal framework that will attract
29 membership.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
- 2 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
- 3 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.