

RESOLUTION 25R-28

To request the Trustees to consider adding zero hunger as an eighth area of focus

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kävlinge-Löddeköpinge, District 2395, Sweden

1 WHEREAS, Rotary's seven current areas of focus are:

- 2 1. Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
- 3 2. Disease Prevention and Treatment
- 4 3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- 5 4. Maternal and Child Health
- 6 5. Basic Education and Literacy
- 7 6. Community Economic Development
- 8 7. Environment

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10 WHEREAS, the United Nations prioritizes work with peace-building operations
11 first and foremost in situations of war or conflict. In such endeavors, hunger
12 becomes a top priority because access to food poses a challenge for a population
13 whose normal life and livelihood are disrupted by conflict and war. Peace-
14 building operations in a country cannot be sustained unless hunger is removed as
15 a threat to survival, and

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17 WHEREAS, there are presently at least nine ongoing wars defined as conflicts in
18 the world, primarily in Africa, and

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20 WHEREAS, hunger affects children's concentration and their ability to learn. A
21 variety of challenges related to human development are addressed through the
22 provision of school meals. Such a resource will help to improve children's
23 education, as well their health and nutrition

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25 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
26 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
27 consider adding an eighth area of focus, zero hunger, as a sustainable
28 development goal.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

29 With its strong, worldwide organization, the Rotary movement can
30 enthusiastically support 'zero hunger' projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

1 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for The
2 Rotary Foundation.

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4 The current structure allows for hunger prevention projects through four different
5 areas of focus: maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment,
6 community economic development, and environment.

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8 If a new area of focus is created, annual administrative and technical expenses to
9 support an additional area of focus are estimated at US\$265,000. In the first year
10 there would also be an additional US\$59,000 required for modifications to the
11 existing grant application software.

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13 Although we are focusing on the grant processing and information technology
14 impact, there are additional administrative impacts in other areas, such as
15 finance and marketing.