

## **Rotary United Nations Relationship Committee District & Club Purpose**

### **Sample Resolution**

Resolved, this (club / district) establishes a Rotary / United Nations Relationship Committee as part of the Vocational Service Area and described below.

The purpose of the Rotary / United Nations Relationship Committee at the district and club level is to:

- Raise the awareness of the Rotary International's policy on Politics and Human Rights;
- Strengthen the historical founding relationship Rotary has with the United Nations, especially the Economic and Social Council and the Global Compact;
- Encourage participation in an annual RI / UN Week celebration in the local community that could involve travel to the UN itself;
- Strengthen the consultative status Rotary has with the United Nations and find ways to develop a similar status with governing bodies in one's sphere of influence;
- Strengthen the partnership Rotary has with the UN Global Compact and to foster local collaboration with UNGC participants.
- Create a Communication of Engagement to district (if club), and RI (if district) annually

Criteria for Rotarian / Rotaractor / Interactor Participation

- Member in good standing
- Have a passion for human rights and the above purpose
- A willingness to live out the 4-Way Test
- Willingness to make the purpose known to fellow members and affiliates, i.e. Interact and or Rotaract Club and vice versa

### **Rotary International's Policy on Politics**

"RI and its member clubs refrain from issuing partisan political statements. Rotarians are prohibited from adopting statements with a view to exerting any pressure on governments or political authorities. However, it is the duty of Rotarians

1. In their clubs, to keep under review political developments in their own communities and throughout the world insofar as they affect service to their vocations and communities as well as the pursuit of the Rotary objective of world understanding and peace. They are expected to seek reliable information through balanced programs and discussions so that members can reach their own conclusions after a fair, collective examination of the issues.
2. **Outside their clubs, to be active as individuals in as many legally constituted groups and organizations as possible to promote, not only in words but through exemplary dedication, awareness of the dignity of all people and the respect of the consequent human rights of the individual.** (89-134, RCP 2.100.)" — from Manual of Procedure, page 7