

Antwort des RI-Board
(Mail vom 17. Juni 2010)

auf die vom CoL im April 2010 verabschiedeten Resolutionen 10-69 und 10-70

Mr. Erich Huart
President, Rotary Club of Hochschwarzwald, Germany

Dr. Hans Mehlin
President, Rotary Club of Waldshut-Säckingen, Germany,

Mr. Ralf Siegmund
President, Rotary Club of Bietigheim-Vaihingen, Germany

Mr. Helmut Steeb
Governor, District 1830

Mr. Karl Steidle
Governor, District 1930

Dear Rotarians:

The 2010 Council on Legislation adopted resolutions 10-69 and 10-70, requesting the Board to consider including land mine relief efforts in RI and Rotary Foundation humanitarian programs. The RI Board considered these resolutions at its June 2010 meeting and took the following decision on this matter:

DECISION: The Board, in response to Council resolutions 10-69: To consider including land mine relief efforts in RI and Rotary Foundation humanitarian programs; 10-70: To consider including land mine relief efforts in RI and Rotary Foundation humanitarian programs; 10-73: To consider adopting the Rotarian Declaration for World Peace; 10-76: To consider raising awareness of environmental issues; and 10-78: To consider supporting sustainable clean energy projects,

1. thanks the Rotary clubs of Hochschwarzwald, Germany, Waldshut-Säckingen, Germany, and Bietigheim-Vaihingen, Germany, and districts 1830 and 1930, for their interest in and support of land mine relief;

[text omitted]

5. noting that the RI Strategic Plan priority to "focus and increase humanitarian service" limits the service areas that RI promotes 1) youth and young adult programs and 2) The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus, does not agree to issue a statement in support of any specific service issue;

6. adopts the following policy regarding statements on issues:

40.040.2. Statements on Issues

As the association of Rotary clubs worldwide, RI does not issue formal statements for or against any specific issues, as it is the policy of the association to maintain a neutral position. It is through service initiatives of individual Rotary clubs, rather than declarations by the corporate body, that Rotary best demonstrates its commitment to peace and humanitarian endeavors.

The Board considered the items in your resolution in relation to the revised RI Strategic Plan, and agreed that the priority to focus and increase humanitarian service has streamlined the service areas that RI promotes to youth and young adult programs, and The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus. Issuing statements or

declarations in support of landmine relief would be inconsistent with the strategic plan.

Additionally, given the large number of requests for statements on special issues considered by the Council, the Board chose to implement the new policy in point 6 above, to ensure that it does not prioritize any one service-related issue over others.

Thank you for your continued service to Rotary.

Sincerely,

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cc: 2010 Council on Legislation Representatives:
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Dr. Gerhard Selmayr, District 1930