

Application for Recognition as a Global Networking Group

I. Proposed Group Name: _____

II. Proposed Group Category (check one): __ Rotary Fellowship __ Rotarian Action Group

III. Statement of Purpose: _____

IV. Please attach the following items:

- Proposed bylaws or constitution consistent with RI policy;
- List of proposed officers (a minimum of three) including names, addresses, phone numbers, classifications and responsibilities;
- List of willing members from at least three different countries.

If applying as a Rotarian Action Group, please also submit:

- A detailed action plan including:
 - a justification of the proposed group explaining why the group is relevant to the goals of Rotary
 - background on the expertise the group’s founding members have in the subject
 - an explanation of how the group plans to accomplish its service goals
 - types of projects the group intends to promote or conduct and, if available, outlines of pending or prospective projects
 - a listing of individuals and/or institutions (e.g. neighborhood communities, private or public organizations, NGOs, etc.) that may be involved either in the participation or the benefits of the projects outlined
 - a statement of the expected results or socioeconomic impact of the prospective projects, as well as an estimation of the projects’ time-frame

IMPORTANT: Before agreeing to the following terms, please be sure that you have familiarized yourself with the *Rotary Code of Policies* excerpts pertaining to your proposed Global Networking Group category. Proposed groups are reminded that if denied recognition by the RI Board, they may not reapply for a period of two years from the date of such denial. Any preliminary questions may be addressed to RI Staff at: rotaryfellowships@rotary.org.

V. Please acknowledge the following terms of recognition, as found in the *Rotary Code of Policies*.

All Global Networking Groups are expected to assume the following time-sensitive responsibilities:

- ❖ Respond to communications from the general secretary in a timely manner.
- ❖ Publish a newsletter (which may be distributed electronically) for members of the group in good standing at least once during each Rotary year, and to file a copy of this and other important communications with the general secretary.
- ❖ Hold an annual forum by way of a newsletter, annual meeting, or other activity appropriate to the group, through which members in good standing can interact.
- ❖ Respond to inquiries from members, potential members, and the general secretary.
- ❖ Submit to the general secretary proposed articles of incorporation in advance of such action. Articles of incorporation must include a statement to the effect that the group is not an activity or agency of RI.
- ❖ Notify the general secretary of plans to approach other organizations for funds in excess of \$25,000 or other cooperative relationships in advance of such action.
- ❖ Obtain the approval of the appropriate district governor or governors in advance of any effort to request the cooperation of districts, clubs or Rotarians outside of the group's own membership for any purpose whatsoever.
- ❖ Submit an annual report of activities, including cost of membership dues and a financial statement showing revenues and expenditures during the past Rotary year, and a statement of funds on hand at the time of the report, to its members with a copy to the general secretary by 1 October of each year.
- ❖ **Rotarian Action Groups must also include a summary of service projects completed with their annual report. For Rotarian Action Groups with annual budgets or single service projects with costs of more than US \$100,000 or equivalent, the annual financial statement and report they provide must be independently reviewed by a qualified accountant.**

The Global Networking Group hereby agrees to comply with the criteria for recognition as set forth by the RI Board of Directors. The Global Networking Group understands and accepts that recognition of the existence of the group by Rotary International in no way implies legal, financial or other obligation or responsibility on the part of RI, or any RI district or Rotary club. The Global Networking Group agrees not to act on behalf of RI, or represent or imply that it has authority to act on behalf of RI. The Global Networking Group also agrees to comply with RI policy on use of the Rotary Marks. The Global Networking Group agrees to add the following clause to its bylaws or constitution:

The Global Networking Group acknowledges that it is not covered by RI insurance and will assess its own risk and secure coverage as appropriate.

Name of Proposed Chair (please print) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Signature of Proposed Chair _____ Date _____

Send to: Rotary International, RI Awards and Recognition Section (PD210), One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201-3698, USA, Fax: (847) 866-6116, E-mail: rotaryfellowships@rotary.org.