

**Fundamental Challenges to International Community Development
RFPD Conference, November 2-3, 2006**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rotarians and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) leaders met in conference November 2-3, 2006 in Ft. Lee, New Jersey (New York City) to address Fundamental Challenges to International Community Development, with specific attention toward Women's Empowerment and Education, Maternal Health and HIV/AIDS, in a meeting organized by the Rotarian Action Group for Population and Development (RFPD), and

WHEREAS, conference participants heard expert presentations, reviewed past Rotary projects success in these areas of concern and participated in discussion workshops.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That sincere appreciation is expressed to UNFPA leaders for their participation in the conference and their contribution to its success.
2. That RFPD activities contributes significantly and specifically to the *Millennium Development Goals* of the United Nations through its programs and projects.
3. That we confirm our belief that addressing Population Concerns is precedent to resolving the global issues of health, education/literacy, poverty, water, hunger, AIDS and environmental degradation.
4. That Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts are urgently encouraged to take on more projects that directly address Population Concerns, employing personal and club assets and manpower, as well as engaging partnerships with other NGO's and financial support from The Rotary Foundation, government and the private sector.
5. We respect ethnic, cultural and religious sensitivities in our work.

ADOPTED IN CONFERENCE ASSEMBLED, NOVEMBER 3, 2006, FT. LEE,
NEW JERSEY BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.



11/16/06

Bill Cadwallader, PRID, Conference Chairman

Date



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Buck Lindsay, General Secretary, RFPD

Date