

DELHI COMMITMENT

Polio Summit 2012

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WHEREAS the elimination of the dreaded scourge of Polio, a dream aspiration of the Rotarians worldwide as it nears its fruition poses one of the greatest challenges.

WHEREAS tremendous progress has been made towards achieving this goal; but the final challenge remains in ridding the last three endemic countries of Polio and in sustaining the Polio free status of the rest of the world.

WHEREAS the Rotary International stands committed to its goal of a certified Polio free world before embarking on any other global health program.

WHEREAS achieving this goal of Polio free world in turn entails renewed political, bureaucratic, social and economic commitments at all levels in all the nations of the world.

WHEREAS nothing can be more important than the health and wellbeing of the children of the world which is our bounden duty towards our present and future generations.

WHEREAS the need of the hour is to sustain and maintain constant vigilance and unceasing efforts to detect the slightest existence of the wild Poliovirus in every nook and corner of the world.

WHEREAS the successful accomplishment of global Polio eradication initiative serves as a model of Public Private Partnership to be replicated in future health and social endeavours across the world.

WE, THE ROTARIANS PRESENT AND PARTICIPATING IN THE POLIO SUMMIT-2012, REPRESENTING ALSO THE ROTARIANS OF INDIA COMMEND AND COMMIT:

A. COMMEND

- The Government of India and State Governments for the exemplary thrust and focused action taken to achieve the goal of Polio free India.
- The Global Partner agencies WHO, UNICEF, CDC, BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION and other agencies for their total involvement and support.
- The Co-operative effort of all the Governments and Rotarians of the Countries of South Asia and Nigeria for seeking Polio free South Asia and a Polio free World.

B. COMMIT

- To vigorously pursue our incessant efforts hand in hand with governments and other organizations towards eradication of Polio and seek the help of one and all to reach out to every child of the prescribed age to get Polio drops and to achieve the benchmark of a certified Polio free world.
- To strengthen the routine immunization so that every child born receives the required doses of Polio Vaccine at regular intervals.
- To engage in the service of humanity with all resources at our command to ensure a Polio free world.
- To support the Rotarians of the Polio endemic countries to seek Polio free status for their respective countries.
- To continue our collaboration with renewed spirit with the governments and our partners agencies to redeem our pledge to the children of the world to give them a Polio free world.