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## Press Release

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### **Rotary-United Nations Day Focuses on Humanitarian Action and Peace**

[New York, USA - 3 November 2007] - [Name] of [city] was among more than 1,200 Rotary members from 42 countries who gathered 3 November at United Nations in New York to learn how local-level collaboration can foster a more healthy and peaceful world.

United Nations leaders representing UNICEF, UNESCO, UNAIDS, the World Bank, and other dignitaries educated Rotary members about their agencies, encouraged Rotary-UN cooperation on literacy, water, health and hunger projects, and praised Rotary's work with the World Health Organization and UNICEF in the global effort to eradicate polio.

Rotary's commitment to end polio represents the largest ever private-sector support of a global health initiative. Since 1985, Rotary members have contributed more than US\$620 million and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries.

["Comment on your experience at Rotary Day at the United Nations and/or your club's international education or humanitarian projects - including financial and volunteer contributions to PolioPlus and any activities coordinated with UN agencies."]

Rotary Day at the United Nations also included a special program for youth interested in humanitarian service. Led by Rotary scholarship recipients, RI Representatives to the United Nations and Rotary leaders, the seminar addressed current issues including the environment, health and education.

Rotary's relationship with the United Nations dates back to 1945 when some 49 Rotary members acted as delegates, advisors and consultants at the United Nations Charter Conference. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status possible with the United Nations as a non-governmental organization.

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