

**WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS**  
**14TH GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**DECLARATION**

We the members of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, representing the majority of the Buddhists of the world, present at the 14th General Conference under the sponsorship of the WFB Sri Lanka Regional Centre, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 1st to 7th August, 1984 do re-assert and re-affirm that we uphold the aims and objects of the World Fellowship of Buddhist which state, inter-alia, that apart from propagating the sublime doctrine of the Buddha, we should work to secure unity, solidarity and brotherhood amongst Buddhists and to secure peace and harmony amongst men and happiness for all beings.

These ideals of the World Fellowship of Buddhists founded by the late Professor G.P. Malalasekera are well known to everyone. While it stands committed to preserving unity and harmony among the followers of the Buddha, it is also devoted to the elimination of conflict and strife in the world of plurality and diversity. Among the major religious traditions of the world, Buddhism remains unique in that it does not attempt to eliminate plurality and diversity through a process of unification whereby one ideology is imposed on another either by force or by coercion.

As such, the goal of the WFB is the achievement of unity and concord among human beings and not their unification under one ideology. The WFB is ready and willing, at the request and the consent of conflicting groups, to mediate to bring about peace and harmony through consultation and negotiation. In this it has no vested interests except the preservation of human life on earth. In order to achieve this goal, the WFB will faithfully follow the message of the Buddha that emphasizes dispassion (viraga) and compassion (karuna).

Further mindful of the prevailing tragic situation in many parts of the world, we hereby affirm that we will strive, in concert with other world organisations to work for peace, and tranquility through peaceful means with the ultimate aim of achieving a peaceful world community, by the complete elimination of all nuclear weapons and the arms race.