

DECLARATION OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS AT THE 16TH GENERAL CONFERENCE

We the members of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, representing the majority of Buddhists throughout the world, do hereby re-assert and re-affirm the declared principles and objectives enunciated by our founding forebears to strive with our might and main to make known the sublime doctrine of the Buddha so that its benign spirit of service and sacrifice may pervade the entire world, inspiring and influencing the people of the earth and their governments to follow the Buddhist way of life which is for all ages and times so that there may be peace and harmony amongst humankind.

We hereby declare that in pursuance of our theme “WFB—Unity for Peace” we are prepared to co-operate and collaborate with other religious and peace organizations to ensure full endeavours for the achievement of unity leading to peace and harmony of the world. In this connection we fervently plead with all the super-powers of the world to renounce and forsake all their nuclear armaments for the well-being of humanity and the world at large. We rededicate ourselves to our mission as mediators in any national or international disputes at the request and with the consent of the parties concerned.

We hereby further declare that we Buddhists of the world strongly support the noble efforts made by Buddhists of all traditions in promoting Buddha Dhamma and cultural affinity between East and West. In so doing we exhort all Buddhists to give their utmost endeavours and full motivation in fostering charitable, cultural and educational effort for the well-being of all.