

WFB RESOLUTIONS

Special Resolution adopted at the Inaugural Conference convened in Sri Lanka on 25th May 2493 (1950) under which the World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB) was founded.

RES. SPECIAL / Inaug. Conf. / 2493 (1950)

We, who constitute this gathering of Buddhists from many countries and numerous organizations from all parts of the world, assembled in this venerated shrine of the Holy Temple of the Tooth, at Kandy, once the Capital of Lanka's Buddhist Kings, today pledge ourselves and those whom we represent to make our utmost endeavour to observe and practise the teachings of the Lord Buddha that we may be radiant examples of the living Faith; to foster unity, solidarity and brotherhood amongst Buddhists everywhere; to strive with all might and main to make known the Sublime Doctrine of the Lord 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 lead the Buddhist way of life, which is for all ages and all climes, that there may be peace and harmony amongst men and happiness for all beings. To achieve this aim we hereby resolve that the World Fellowship of Buddhists be founded and the Heads of delegations here present be empowered to implement this resolution and bring it into immediate effect. May the blessings of the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha be on us and our endeavours.

RES. 1/1/GC 1/2493 (1950)

That the Dharma—Chakra (the Wheel of the Law) with eight spokes, representing the Noble Eightfold Path, be accepted as the International Buddhist Symbol and that the

six coloured Buddhist Flag, now in use in Ceylon, be adopted as the International Buddhist Flag.

The Executive Council of the World Fellowship of Buddhists was authorised to work out details.

RES. 2/2/GC 1/2493 (1950)⁽¹⁾

That this Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, while recording its respectful appreciation of the gracious act of His Highness the Maharaja of Nepal in making the full-moon day of Vesak a Public Holiday in Nepal, earnestly requests the Heads of Governments of all countries in which Buddhist communities are to be found, either large or small, to take steps to make the full-moon day of the month of May declared as Buddha Day and observed as a Public Holiday, in honour of the Lord Buddha, who is universally acclaimed one of the greatest benefactors of Humanity.

RES. 3/3/GC 1/2493 (1950)

That in all contents the term "Hinayana" be replaced by the term "Theravada".

RES. 4/4/GC 1/2493 (1950)

That this Conference asks the authorities in Japan to grant the request made by Japanese Buddhists for the installation of a Civil Radio to be used also for the propagation of Buddhism.