

RES. 257/1/GC 18/2535 (1992)

Dhammaduta Standing Committee made the following suggestions which were passed by the 2nd Plenary Session:

1. Since Non Buddhist organizations would over are fast spreading their religions proselytizing others including Buddhists, especially in the underdeveloped countries, exploiting their poverty, and also since there appear to be an inclination among the people in the developed countries to learn Buddhism, World Fellowship of Buddhists should consistently implement a meticulously planned project with the objective to make Buddhism available to every person in the world in his own language by the year 2000. For this purpose the World Fellowship of Buddhists should establish a special fund with contributions from member countries.
2. The World Fellowship of Buddhists should utilize all available resources to resist influences by Hindus in the management of Buddhagaya.
3. An international panchasila movement has been initiated to enlighten people in the usefulness of adhering to the five Buddhist principles to be implemented with the assistance of the WFB Korea Regional Centre.
4. WFB Headquarters should communicate effectively with the authorities concerned to lodge strong protest of the Buddhist community world over against the making of a film falsely portraying the Buddha or a film on the life of Prince Siddhartha which titled "The Buddha".

RES. 258/2/GC 18/2535 (1992)

The Finance Standing Committee tabled the following resolutions which were adopted.

1. The WFB Finance Committee urges that any arrears of annual membership fees due to the WFB be duly paid to the WFB Headquarters without delay.

2. An additional fund raising in the form of an additional US\$20/- be imposed on the base registration fee of each participant of further WFB conferences. The additional fee thus collected shall be forwarded to WFB Headquarters as financial assistance.

The Publication, Publicity, Education, Culture and Arts Standing Committee made the following Resolutions which were accepted unanimously by the 2nd Plenary Session.

RES. 259/3/GC 18/2535 (1992)

The 18th General Conference of the WFB being gravely concerned about the recent developments in Buddhagaya involving Hindu management of the Maha Bodhi Temple in Buddhagaya.

The WFB Headquarters should write to the Indian Prime Minister and Chief Minister of Bihar Province with advice of Mr. R. S. Gavai, Vice-President to make corrective measures of the issue. This resolution was adopted.

RES. 260/4/GC 18/2535 (1992)

It is resolved that the WFB establish a small Review Board, appointed by nomination and vote from the General Council every two years at the General Conference, and that this review board be independent of the Executive Committee, to review films and other materials submitted to it and to issue comments as to its suitability.

Further resolved that the Review Board have the authority to make statements of disapproval for materials which are grossly offensive and to alert Regional Centres of the WFB regarding such actions either directly or through the WFB.

Further resolved that the WFB encourage its Regional Centres to make available their service of technical advice to producers creating such products.

Further resolved that the Review Board be nominated, voted upon and enacted at this B.E. 2535 (1992) WFB Conference. By way of recommendation, we suggest that the following constitute the Review Board:

- (1) Most Venerable Dr. K. Sri Dhammananda Nayaka Maha Thero
- (2) Dr. Ananda W. P. Guruge
- (3) Most Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh, and
- (4) Professor Lewis Lancaster

RES. 261/5/GC 18/2535 (1992)

It is resolved that an Adhoc Committee be established under the direction of the Standing Committee on Publication, Publicity, Education, Culture and Arts be authorised to publish and distribute to Regional Centres and other interested parties such as promotional and marketing materials as may be deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Publication, Publicity, Education, Culture and Arts.

Further resolved that the Adhoc Committee work together through correspondence, facsimile transmission and other means to plan, create and publish said materials.

Further resolved that the Adhoc Committee consist of Duane Bidwell, Raja Devashish Roy, Chrys Thorsen and the Ven. Mettando Bhikkhu.

RES. 262/6/GC 18/2535 (1992)

The meeting endorsed the proposal tabled by the Standing Committee in Women for the formation of the Women wing of the WFB and that the formal formation of the WFB Women will be at the next General Conference. The Resolution read as follows:

It is resolved to form a women's wing of the WFB to be known as "World Fellowship of Buddhist Women". (Abbreviation: W.F.B.W.)

This resolution was adopted.

The Humanitarian Services Standing Committee proposed the following Resolutions which were adopted.

RES. 263/7/GC 18/2535 (1992)

It is resolved that the 18th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists:

1. Express its most serious concern over the many violations of human rights in Vietnam, especially the basic religious freedom.
2. Requests the Vietnamese government to restore basic human rights, release all the political prisoners, prisoners of conscience and all writers and objectioners, all civil servants and cadres of the former government of the Republic of Vietnam.
3. Requests immediate release of the Venerable members of Sangha, namely, Ven. Thich Huyen Quang, Thich Quang Do, Thich Duc Nhuan, Thich Tue Si, Thich Tri Sieu, Thich Tri Giac and Thich Khong Tanh.

This resolution was adopted.

RES. 264/8/GC 18/2535 (1992)

The 18th General Conference of the WFB also,

1. Express its most serious concern over the pitiful conditions of the Buddhists in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh.
2. Appreciate the humanitarian services rendered by the Government of India to the Buddhist refugees of Chittagong Hill Tracts living in Indian territory of Tripura.
3. Requests the government of India to take the issues at appropriate forums for the redress of grievances of the Buddhists in the said area.
4. Requests the Government of Bangladesh to negotiate and settle the issue with the Buddhist people living in CHT in good spirit.
5. Sends a goodwill delegation to Bangladesh and requests the WFB to do all relevant formalities to give authenticity to the delegation such as to send letters to

the Government of Bangladesh, and to the United Nations and takes any other action which is deemed fit to the WFB.

RES. 265/9/GC 18/2535 (1992)

The 2nd Plenary Session adopted the following Resolutions from the Unity and Solidarity Standing Committee:

Concrete measures to promote unity and solidarity, and to generate the revenue for WFB are:-

1. To provide more opportunities for exchange of visits among member countries and for exchange of information and publications in the commonly acceptable language - English, to strengthen communication among Buddhists.
2. To design and develop more activities, such as carnival, Buddhist tourism or pilgrimage, cultural groups, folk groups, Buddhist exhibitions, meditation sessions, short-term workshops, etc. in next conference.

RES. 266/10/GC 18/2535 (1992)

The 18th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists adopted a Resolution on Lumbini as follows:

As Lumbini Development is the concern of all the Buddhists in the world let the WFB Headquarters send a letter requesting all the Regional Centres of the WFB to contribute, in whatever way possible, to the earliest completion of the Lumbini Development Project.