

## **Resolution I**

Resolved that :

- a. the process of constitutional amendment initiated by Mr. Goh Seng Chai be continued so that a consolidated new constitution of WFB will be presented for consideration and approval at the 23<sup>rd</sup> General Conference, and
- b. the Preamble of the current constitution be retained without any modification.

## **Resolution II**

Resolved that :

- a. The budget of WFB's future activities should be presented to every General Conference along with a statement on ways and means of fund raising to meet the required financial cost of the activities;
- b. Regional Centres of WFB should pay up their annual fees by January 1 of each year and the Treasurer should send a reminder to Regional Centres which are in arrears;
- c. WFB financial resources should be used effectively. (For example, subsidies of registration fees for the General Conferences should be limited only to delegates and observers of Regional Centres. Other parties should bear the full cost of attending the conferences);
- d. WFB should rely on its own resources to achieve the required fund raising target and reliance on outside resources for fund raising should be as minimal as possible;
- e. The audited financial report of WFB should be provided to the Regional Centres annually; and
- f. WFB Trust Fund should be established to manage WFB finance.

## **Resolution III**

Resolved that WFB, in conjunction with the Buddhist Foundation of Australia,

- a. establish a globally operable scholarship scheme for the purpose of training select members of the Sangha from all Buddhist traditions, as versatile and competent teachers, conversant with the 'Buddha Word' (as in Sutra Text), to teach meditation based on Buddhist practice;
- b. the operational details be finalized by WFB secretariat and the Buddhist foundation of Australia; and
- c. a report be submitted to the next Executive Committee meeting on the progress made in implementation.

## **Resolution IV**

Resolved that WFB :

- Organize common functions such as VESAK jointly with Buddhist temples and other organizations of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- The full moon day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the lunar calendar be dedicated for the blessing for all victims of war, violence and natural disasters;
- Encourage dialogue between WFB Regional Centres and Buddhist Organizations of different lineages and traditions through exchange of Buddhist teachers and members to learn about other traditions and practices;
- Inaugurate a WFB E-mail Group network to facilitate the exchange of news, information and views between the WFB and Regional Centres;
- Urge Regional Centres in each country to meet at least once a year to discuss issues of common concern and to strengthen unity and solidarity among themselves;
- Annual Activity Reports by Regional Centres be submitted to WFB Executive Committee for comments and assistance when required;
- Encourage and foster friendship visits among WFB Regional Centres' members and their families; and
- WFB Guidelines for Unity and Solidarity be formulated by the Executive Committee with the help of the Standing Committee.

## **Resolution V**

Resolved that WFB expresses its support to the Declaration of Peace and Reunification of the Korean Peninsula, dated June 15, B.E. 2000, as the effort to establish a reunified Korea accords with the world Buddhists' desire to build a peaceful new world.

## **Resolution VI**

Resolved that WFB, in order to speed up implementation of the development of Lumbini,

- a. Should address a recommendation to the Government of Nepal requesting that Lumbini Development Trust (LDT) be made an autonomous body free of politicization and only persons with strong faith in Buddhism be appointed to it;
- b. Sends a delegation to Nepal to request an audience with His Majesty the King of Nepal, Prime Minister, concerned Minister, and High-Ranking Officials of Nepal Government to express Buddhist concern on such matters as the security situation around Lumbini and the problems encountered by monasteries in the sacred Lumbini area; and
- c. Urge the United Nations to revitalize the UN International Lumbini Development Committee in New York to accelerate the completion of the Lumbini project.

## **Resolution VII**

Resolved that VESAK day be observed as World Meditation Day.

## **Resolution VIII**

Resolved that the United Nations Human Rights Day (December 10) be observed by Buddhists as Universal Day of Compassion.

## **Resolution IX**

Resolved that Buddhists be urged to make every effort to work on the worldwide implementation of the Pancasila-ethos movement, and for this purpose :

- a. Forward a suitable communication to the United Nations and UNESCO;
- b. Utilize the World Buddhist University and Pancasila sub-committees to give publicity and provide necessary educational facilities;
- c. Support, publicize and attend the world-wide Pancasila Conference scheduled to be held in Los Angeles in November 2003;
- d. Submit to WHO and other relevant agencies an action statement endorsing the WHO initiative to control tobacco consumption through a Framework Convention;
- e. Campaign and protest against alcohol and tobacco companies which promote the sale and consumption of substances detrimental to health and wellbeing; and
- f. Stress Right Livelihood of the Noble eightfold Path as the basis for observance of Pancasila.

## **Resolution X**

Resolved that WFB,

- a. Set up the required infrastructure to coordinate all aspects of the Dhammaduta work;
- b. Utilize, for that purpose, all available publication and communication resources worldwide, such as Kandy Buddhist Publications Society, Taiwan publishers, Wisdom Book, Buddhnet, etc.;
- c. Create a registry of available Buddha Dhamma Teachers competent in the English and other foreign languages with a view to commissioning them to various locations for varying lengths of time as practicable;
- d. Confer with Regional Centres worldwide, willing to participate in the Dhammaduta scheme, with a view to networking and sharing some to the Standing Committee functions;
- e. Identify the locations of highest priority and need for teaching and propagating Buddha Dhamma;
- f. Recommend to the WFB Executive Committee to consider ways and means of lobbying with governments of non-Buddhist countries to recognize Buddhism as an official religion in the respective countries, and
- g. Expand Dhammaduta work from oral and printed modalities of propagation to high-tech electronic facilities of radio, TV, Internet, CDs and other means of distance learning.

## **Resolution XI**

Resolved that :

- a. That members of the Sangha and Buddhist Organizations play an increasingly active role in preventive action by making laymen, especially the younger generations, more aware of HIV problems, through advice and Dhamma talks, and counsel HIV patients to see the brighter side of life, and for this purpose :

- Work for understanding and cooperation among all people of the world;
- Encourage one another in hope and faith in the brighter future of humanity to live in harmony and concord;
- Demonstrate human prudence and clear-sightedness in satisfactorily solving all human problems;
- Propagate knowledge of the perfect truth of Interdependent Co-arising, Impermanence, and Non-self and urge people to live accordingly;
- Remind each other of the invincibility of compassion and wisdom in building a global community governed by mutual respect and love for endless generations to come;
- To stand forever united in our common struggle for a world of peace and justice, and for the ideals of democracy and freedom; and
- Start a new era of peace, prosperity and happiness completely free from fear, want and war;

b. That WFB should raise humanitarian problems in the United Nations (UN) as a watchdog for Buddhists worldwide and be a dynamic Brigade for the Buddhists to address problems that occur from time to time worldwide; and

c. Whatever activities taken at the UN as a result of WFB actions must be publicized in the WFB newsletter so that the Regional Centres are aware of them.

## **Resolution XII**

Resolved that the World Buddhist University Charter be amended as recommended by the 66<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Session.

## **Resolution XIII**

Resolved that the WFB consider recommending Buddhists to identify themselves with a common badge or logo or symbol, where possible and appropriate on a voluntary basis.

## **Resolution XIV**

Resolved that the Most Venerable Dr. Kirinde Sri Dhammananda Nayaka Mahathera of Malaysia be honored for his unique worldwide service to Buddhism and lifetime achievements by according to him the honor of being a Honorary President of the World Fellowship of Buddhists.

## **Resolution XV**

Resolved that the two retiring senior Vice-Presidents, Mr. Sunao Miyabara and Dato Khoo Leong Hun be duly honored and invited as Honorary Vice-President to all meetings of Executive Committee and General Conference.