

## **SAKYADHITA INTERNATIONAL: 2015 RESOLUTION**

On the occasion of the 14<sup>th</sup> Sakyadhita International Conference on Buddhist Women held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on the theme of “Compassion and Social Justice,” Sakyadhita International Association of Buddhist Women expresses concern for the major issues facing humanity today. The more than 1,000 people from 40 countries attending the conference agree to the following proposals toward the goal of social transformation. We raise our voices to:

- Extend compassion and promote social justice for oppressed peoples, including religious, ethnic, and racial minorities, and political refugees;
- Explore deeply the application of Buddhist teachings to mitigate situations of conflict and potential conflict;
- Work to eliminate all forms of discrimination and social inequality, including gender injustice, across religions, cultures, and diverse segments of society;
- Overcome religious intolerance and extremism;
- Work to eliminate capital punishment globally;
- Support Pope Francis’ call for political and public action to address climate change;
- Protect the future and habitat of all species on the planet;
- Urge governments in both developed and developing countries to give priority to reduce carbon emissions;
- Work with loving kindness and compassion to understand the causes of economic injustice and find practical solutions to address these issues.

We thereby resolve to extend our social concern and engagement to implement Buddhist values toward these ends.

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