Bangkok Declaration on Dharmic Perspectives on Faith for Rights

The Sixth Annual *Faith for Rights* Meeting — convened by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in partnership with the Bodhigaya Vijjalaya 980 Institute (BGVI) and Dharma Alliance — was held in Siem Reap and Bangkok from 13 to 17 October 2025,

Recalling the *Faith for Rights* framework and its 18 commitments,

Recognizing the diversity of spiritual, ethical, and cultural traditions, including those of Dharmic and Indigenous communities, as a source of insight for promoting dignity, justice, and compassion,

Reaffirming the shared commitment of participants to fostering inclusive dialogue among faith communities and human rights actors,

Noting that this meeting marked the first occasion on which the global *Faith for Rights* community convened in a predominantly Dharmic context, thereby expanding the plurality of perspectives within the ongoing dialogue,

Emphasizing the potential of ethical and spiritual traditions to contribute to reconciliation, conflict prevention, and mutual understanding,

Recognizing the importance of continuous inquiry, reflection, and peer-to-peer learning in advancing both human rights and spiritual understanding,

Affirming that the promotion of human dignity and the protection of human rights are complementary to ethical principles that encourage responsibility toward oneself, one's community, minority groups, other beings, and the natural world,

Participants at the Sixth Annual *Faith for Rights* Meeting:

- **Reaffirm** the value of ethical responsibility, seeking to balance entitlements with duties, and to encourage justice grounded in empathy (*karuna*), integrity (*dharma*), and non-harm (*ahimsa*).
- **Resolve** to strengthen interfaith dialogue, fostering inclusive spaces for Dharmic, Indigenous, minority, and other traditions to engage equitably in conversations about human rights.
- **Affirm** the advancement of gender equality, recognizing that the dignity and agency of women and girls are integral both to cohesive societies and to the realization of universal human rights.

- **Commit** to supporting education for human flourishing, embedding principles of ethics, compassion, and responsibility in curricula, academic partnerships, and initiatives inspired by the *Faith for Rights* framework.
- **Undertake** efforts to prevent incitement to hatred, promoting mindful communication and rejecting all forms of violence or discrimination.
- **Encourage** the engagement of youth as ethical leaders, nurturing new generations who understand faith, science, and human rights as interconnected pathways toward global harmony.
- **Promote** cooperation among all actors, building bridges across traditions, regions, and disciplines to advance peaceful coexistence, inclusiveness, and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Resolve** to sustain the *commUNity of Practice*, through peer learning, joint research, and regular meetings that include Dharmic and Indigenous perspectives.

Acknowledging with gratitude the hospitality extended by the people of Cambodia and Thailand, and the commitment of the United Nations and all partners to fostering inclusive global dialogue,

Encourage alignment of inner conviction with just action — advancing reflection to responsibility, dialogue to transformation, and rights in principle to rights in practice.

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