**Aims of the International Council\***

i

*Kalyana Mitrata*

To enable the flow of kalyana mitrata throughout the Triratna Community, so that the spirit of spiritual friendship on the basis of Going for Refuge to the Three Jewels informs the whole community, valuing the responsibility and freedom that we each have for our own spiritual lives, and the value of guidance from those more spiritually experienced than ourselves.

ii

*Ethical and Spiritual Standards*

To ensure that all aspects of the Triratna Community, especially new developments, are based on our core spiritual values, deriving from Urgyen Sangharakshita’s presentation of the Dharma, and to maintain ethical and spiritual standards throughout the Movement.

iii

*Unity and Harmony*

To facilitate unity and harmony throughout the Triratna Community, so that everyone can have confidence that they share the same spiritual values.

iv

*Guidance and Support*

To give everyone in a position of responsibility access to guidance and support, by peers and more experienced Order members.

v

*Effective Decision-Making and Co-ordination*

To facilitate effective decision-making and co-ordination at every level within the Order and Movement, from the local to the international.

vi

*Consultation and Participation*

To provide a way to consult throughout the Triratna Buddhist Order and Movement, so decisions on those matters that concern all Order members can be made with the highest degree of participation and take into consideration the widest range of views.

*\*Accepted by the International Council*