**Guiding Principles of the first International Council meeting\***

i

*Kalyana Mitrata*

* to learn from and appreciate each other’s experience and situations
* the desire to model the organizational expression of kalyana mitrata both horizontal and vertical

ii

*Effective & Ethical Practice/Process*

* sustainable processes to do our work
* the desire to create a network of communication to ensure the unity and diversity (across cultures, interests, etc.) of the Movement and Order
* effective channels of consultation and decision making
* good information: collecting it and feeding it back
* being in continual connection

iii

*Common Purpose*

* common understanding between cultures; sensitivity, an international perspective
* it’s international – not just 8 Brits
* a sense of common purpose

iv

*Spirit*

* enjoying each other’s company
* enjoying working together
* trust and confidence
* openness
* freedom
* creativity
* boldness

v

*Our Tradition*

* the Dharma – specific forms: teachings of Bhante & Dr Ambehkar
* Bhante’s vision and presentation of the Dharma
* the desire for the movement and Order to thrive after Bhante’s death

vi

*Altruistic/Bodhichitta Intention*

* the Altruistic Perspective – taking the Dharma out into the world
* passionate interest and engagement with the health of our community as a force for good in the world (Bodhisattva Ideal) now and in the future
* the wish to serve the Order, Movement, Dharma, Bodhichitta
* our love of the Buddha and the Dharma, and an awareness that the world needs them
* deep care of the Order combined with a bigger perspective, both in time (historical and future) and space (geography and culture)

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