Dear Brothers and Sisters, who are involved in Global Peace Formation,

- 1. In IT age, a tremendous communication being existed and the globe we live becomes as a smallest village because of information technology. At the same time, we face cruel conflicts and wars around us every day as well. Technologically, although we are living in IT age, brutal events in the world prove that people are treating each other as Stone Age. Even though we cannot deny we are approaching to an advanced technology and on the other hand we have to accept brutality mindset cannot be disappeared.
- 2. The purpose of imposing the Law is to protect the country, its sovereignty, its individuality, its culture, its life and regarding its wholeness and not to be disappeared.
- 3. Religion is the one that gives people instructions and guidelines how to live peacefully and to be cultivated people and the purpose of religion is to show and share tender, loving-kindness, care and well-mannered of significant teaching from each religion to fellow human beings. Four religions (Christianity, Hindu, Islam and Buddhism) have taught people valuable wisdoms over thousand years and respective practitioners handed over core essence of those wisdoms generation by generations. Nevertheless, it is peculiar that those brutality and inhumanness events such as wars, conflicts are still happening in the world. It seems there is someone who controls over convicts and who is it? He/she is religious selfish or bias disposition that leads to misunderstanding which pushes war.
- 4. Our country Myanmar is one of UN member countries and in chapter 8 (Citizen, Fundamental Rights and Duties of the citizens) of our constitution of the country: law numbers from 345 to 375 are applicable to every citizen. It says; equal provide legal protection regardless of race and religion, no discrimination, equal opportunity, same right, personal freedom, etc. The government is carrying peaceful society through laws that has already imposed. Moreover, the government has established an organization called inter-faith association at national level to grass root level and they implements programs such as awareness seminars, conference, fellowship program etc. Currently, the government is trying to impose a new law of religious security for citizens. Especially she is trying to make a new law for hate speech that makes people misunderstanding between religions and hopefully it will be applied very soon.

In conclusion, we still need laws that help safe protection over the safety of world religions which are vital and essential for Sustainable Peace on earth. I honestly urge all of you to shake hand together for promotion peace that every creature needs.

"We are to promote world religions if we want Sustainable Peace" according to U Thant. former Secretary General of UN (1961-1971).

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