



A compassionate response to the European refugee crisis

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Those of us present at the 40th Annual General Meeting of the European Buddhist Union in Berlin call upon the governments and peoples of all European countries to show compassion and generosity to those displaced through war and seeking refuge in Europe, safe from violence.

As Buddhists of many traditions and countries in Europe, we hold loving kindness, compassion, generosity and fearlessness to be among the highest values in life; values we share with those of other religions and none.

Seeing our fundamental interconnectedness with all beings, we recognise the “refugees”, “migrants” and “asylum-seekers” now streaming into Europe as people like ourselves, desperately seeking relief from suffering and longing for happiness.

Regardless of their ethnicity or religion, may they find open borders and a refuge in Europe.

*May all beings find happiness and the causes of happiness.
May they be free from suffering and the causes of suffering.*

Signed,

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