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For ease in pronouncing longer Sanskrit names, an accent mark appears on the syllable that should be stressed and words have been broken up with hyphens. This translation follows the Clay Sanskrit Library (CSL) conventions for presenting Sanskrit in English texts. For further guidance in pronouncing the Sanskrit names, as well as a list of the meanings of those names, please see www.sanghatasutra.net.

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Original Colophon:

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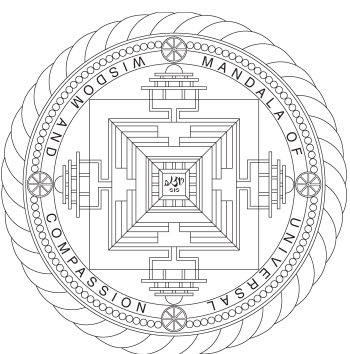
Colophon:

This English translation from the Tibetan was prepared by Venerable Damchö Diana Finnegan (Lhundup Damchö), after reading the text with Venerable Geshe Lhundub Sopa and then comparing the Tibetan with the Sanskrit. In addition to the invaluable assistance from Geshe Sopa, this translation was checked against the Tibetan with occasional reference to the Chinese translations by Shenghai (Roy) Li, whose copious suggestions vastly improved this translation. Proofreading and copy-editing was offered in the final stage by Venerable Gyalten Mindrol and Sara Blumenthal, FPMT Education Department. Many others generously contributed to this text, but all faults are the translator's. The translation was completed on January 25, 2006, in the home of Lama Zopa Rinpoche in Aptos, California. This edition was finalized as of February 19, 2006.

Translator's Dedication:

May the kindness of the Buddha, as embodied within this wondrous sutra, fill the hearts of all beings and turn them all to virtue. Just as this *Saṃghāta Sūtra* has existed for many centuries until now in the world only to benefit, may the Buddhadharmas remain for eons more, to bring comfort and aid to all.

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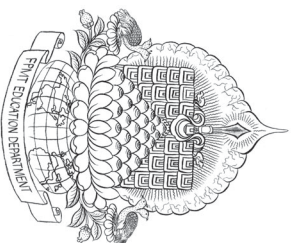


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