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**AMERICAN BAPTIST RESOLUTION ON  
INTERNATIONAL ARMS RACE**

WHEREAS, our nation is a party to an international armaments race, and a disproportionate amount of money is being appropriated for war materials; therefore be it

Resolved, that we use our influence against such a policy, voicing our protest to the President of the United States and the members of Congress. And be it further

Resolved, that we give our support to all specific means for settling international disputes, such as arbitration, world economic cooperation, and a more sympathetic understanding of each nation's needs.

Adopted by Northern Baptist Convention - 1983

Affirmed by the Executive Committee of the General Board - September 1985

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**POLICY BASE**

American Baptist Policy Statement on Military and Foreign Policy

Nonmilitary means to resolve international conflict must be sought and practiced on the intentional and continual basis.

The proliferation of increasingly powerful weapons does not guarantee national security and may result in less security.

Arms control and disarmament are essential for the welfare and survival of humanity.

International economic systems must transcend narrow national self-interests and provide a framework for global justice and peace.

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