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## **AMERICAN BAPTIST RESOLUTION ON THE ABOLITION OF WAR**

We record our conviction that war as a method of settling international disputes is barbarous, wasteful and manifestly contrary to every Christian ideal and teaching. We reaffirm our belief that our country should have its part in an association of nations for expressing our common humanity, adjusting difficulties and outlawing any nation that resorts to arms to further its own interests.

We earnestly petition our national government to participate with other nations in the International Court of Justice<sup>1</sup> and to take whatever other steps may be necessary to secure such cooperation on the part of the peoples of the earth as will bring about a stabilizing of world conditions and permanently banish war.

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## **POLICY BASE**

### **American Baptist Policy Statement on Peace**

#### Policy/Principles

Therefore, the Christian community is compelled by its understanding of the gospel to seek peaceful solutions to international crises for the sake of abundant life.

6. We affirm the United Nations and other international approaches to settling disputes and working with the problems of the world. We will persistently seek alternatives to war as a means of settling international disputes.

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1) The United States has been a member of the United Nations since October 24, 1945, and as a member, the United States is also a member of the International Court of Justice although the United States has placed some reservation on its membership.

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